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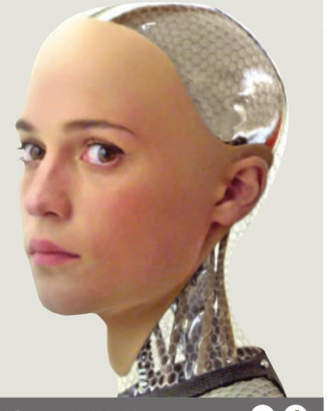

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Mass student strip search

INVESTIGATION

Canadian border scene a 'nightmare' for 48 Americans

A busload of American college and university students were strip searched by Canadian border guards three years ago in an incident that violated government policy and may have contravened the Charter of Rights of Freedoms, documents show.

According to an internal Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) report that was obtained by Metroland Media and Torstar News Service, the mass strip search was carried out at the Thousand Islands Bridge border crossing in Lansdowne, Ont., on Dec. 31, 2011.

The bus, carrying 48 American students aged 18 to 25, was headed to Montreal to ring in the new year, followed by a couple of days of skiing at Mont Tremblant. The students were mostly men, but there were at least 10 women.

The report said the tour bus arrived at the crossing around 11 a.m. that day. When an initial immigration check revealed "past criminality" among some of the passengers, the students were asked to step off the bus. A search of the vehicle revealed six grams of marijuana and a small amount of what was believed to be cocaine, the report said.

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The following several hours were "a nightmare.... It was a horror story," one passenger said in an interview. The man, now 27, requested his name not be used for this story.

"I had to go into a room, with two guys that were sitting at a table, and take off all my clothes and then drop my pants and turn around," he said. "(The passengers) were pretty agitated.... There were some girls crying. They were pretty upset."

Documents show the CBSA kept the strip search under wraps for more than three years, waiting to see if details would leak out before commenting. "If the issue becomes known to politicians or the media, (it) could raise questions about CBSA's mandate and authority to conduct personal searches of travellers," the review said.

In a statement issued Thursday, CBSA spokesman Chris Kealey said the agency reviewed its strip-search policies after the incident and sent an operational bulletin to all staff in February 2012.

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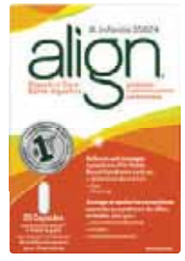

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Volunteers heed the call of the frog in Rouge Valley

WILDLIFE

Just like bird chirps, croaks help identify, count critters

Late at night, clad in rain gear and with flashlights in hand, 100 adventurous souls set off into the wetlands of the Rouge Valley.

Armed with an evening's worth of training and a rain-or-shine dedication, they comb through riverbank grasses and mucky marshes. Mud? Blood-hungry mosquitoes? Cold? It won't stop them.

They're the Frog Watch team, and they'll do whatever it takes to make sure no croaking amphibian goes uncounted.

Why? Because being able to identify and count frogs based on their sounds helps scientists assess the health of the wetlands, says Parks Canada engagement officer Sheryl Santos. Determining the number of frogs in a wetland can aid in detecting environmental problems or determine whether a species is at risk of extinction in the area.

For the past seven years, Santos and partners from Rouge Park and the Toronto Zoo have taught hundreds of volunteers the science of identifying frog calls.

A green frog spotted by Rouge Park Frog Watch. MICHELLE HOLMES/ROUGE PARK

> **Its call is a mix of someone snoring followed by the sound of someone with wet hands rubbing a wet balloon.**
>
> Parks Canada engagement officer Sheryl Santos, describing the noise made by the leopard frog.

A wood frog
DREAMSTIME

Four days after putting out a call for volunteers this year, Santos says, the program was already at capacity, with several veteran watchers and a handful of newcomers ready to serve the Rouge frog population.

As they learned in training on Tuesday, anyone can hear frog noises, but without experience, it's not that simple to figure out what species it's emanating from.

That's why Santos likes to compare their noises to other easily recognizable sounds. Green frogs, for example, sound like someone playing a banjo or plucking a rubber band. Grey tree frogs mimic a chirping bird. American toads have "very deep, resonating calls" and "if it quacks like a duck, it's probably a wood frog."

But of all the species heard in the Rouge, the most complex is the leopard frog. "Its call is a mix of someone snoring followed by the sound of someone with wet hands rubbing a wet balloon," says Santos, giggling.

Different frogs call at different times of the year, so volunteers — some as young as 13 — go out once a month in April, May and June. Each time they are guided by a "frog leader" who helps them mark which species they hear and how many of them at a time.

A drizzling storm can make the feat tougher, says Santos, because "frogs love singing in the rain."

"There can be a full chorus calling and you can't tell the difference from one to another," she says.

Still, the volunteers prevail. They trudge along trails in search of leaping amphibians, often being treated to a view of a few deer stopping for a drink at sunset.

Santos says, "On top of contributing to nature, that kind of incredible moment makes it all worth it." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A golden frog
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CRIME

Stranger helps man recover missing '70s sports car

Scott Davidson's body was shaking as he clutched the wheel. As he zigzagged along back roads in north Clarington on Wednesday night, his heart leapt into his throat. Had someone really found it?

An email had zipped into his inbox just after 6 o'clock from a man who said he had found Davidson's beloved 1970s sports car, which had been stolen from its Pickering storage location last month.

The man told Davidson, 67, he had been driving home when he saw a striking deep-blue car in the middle of a field, with a window smashed in.

Oblivious to Davidson's social media campaign or stories on the vintage car's disappearance earlier this month, the stranger, Davidson said, knew something was wrong. This wasn't a car that should be abandoned and left to rust in the middle of nowhere.

But the man managed to track Davidson down and agreed to lead the trembling owner to what was, improbably, his missing 1972 Datsun 240Z, sitting alone in a field.

It was towed to a garage in Bowmanville to help investigators document the evidence, but the car has since been released, Davidson said. It was on its way to a restoration facility on Thursday.

Anyone with information for the investigation can contact Durham Regional Police Det. Const. Brian Stewart at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 1929. Callers can also reach out to Crime Stoppers anonymously.

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RIDE-SHARING

Uber job numbers disputed

Touting the creation of 8,000 local jobs by the end of 2015, ride-share company Uber claims it is "on track to generate more opportunities in Toronto than any other new business in the city."

But critics argue the app is creating more precarious work rather than sustainable jobs and is pulling business away from taxi drivers instead of generating new revenue streams.

In an entry posted to its blog Tuesday, Uber said it will create the equivalent of 8,000 full-time driving jobs in the city by year's end, "based on a 40-hour week."

The number is based on growth projections of rider demand and driver supply, Uber told the Torstar News Service in an email. The company would not clarify the methodology it used to arrive at its figures.

Economist Kaylie Tiessen, of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said the claims raise a number of concerns.

"Are we now talking about one cab driver just working for more than one company? ... In which case it's not a new job; it's just a reallocation of work," she said. She also questioned how many drivers were shaving hours off other jobs to work for Uber.

Uber says it contributes to the "sharing economy," through which people make money on assets they already own, for example a car or home. According to the company, Uber drivers in Toronto earned more than $6 million last month. Comparable stats are not available for the city's cab drivers.

Sam Moini, spokesman for the cab drivers' union, Toronto Taxi Alliance, said the idea that Uber is creating jobs is "absolutely false."

"They are piggybacking off hardworking taxicab drivers," he told Torstar, explaining that revenue generated by Uber rides comes from the same pool as taxi fares.

Moini says he's heard from cab drivers who once made most of their income during peak hours and now "barely even survive."

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Metro reporter Luke Simcoe searches for Wi-Fi signals in downtown Toronto on Thursday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

In search of a wired city

WHY NO WI-FI?
A Metro special report

Trek reveals popular locales are not connected

Luke Simcoe
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It was a Wi-Fi goose chase.

As part of Metro's new series exploring Wi-Fi — or the lack thereof — in downtown Toronto, I turned off my cellular data and trekked across the city Thursday in search of free and open wireless Internet.

What I found was a patchwork of private companies and cafes offering Wi-Fi to customers, and a lack of connectivity at many of Toronto's most popular locales.

You can't connect at Yonge and Bloor or Nathan Phillips Square, and even at Yonge-Dundas, you only get 20 minutes of Wi-Fi unless you're a Bell Mobility customer.

So, while other cities — ranging from New York to Fredericton — are rolling out public Wi-Fi programs, those seeking signal in Toronto are left checking their email at the closest Pizza Pizza.

Here's a minute-by-minute recap of my quest for unfettered Wi-Fi:

Outside Metro's offices at 1 Yonge
11:57 a.m: The only signal I can find is from the Starbucks on the ground floor. I send a quick tweet before the watchful eyes of the baristas shame me into leaving.

Harbourfront Centre
12:08 p.m.: There are some open networks at Harbourfront Centre, but none of them seem to work.

I manage to snag a few seconds of signal from the Pizza Pizza across the street.

Harbourfront
12:10 p.m.: It's at Harbourfront where I notice the first — but certainly not last — instance of someone's personal network named "Pretty Fly for a Wi-Fi."

PATH to Union Station
12:17 p.m.: Walking through the PATH en route to Union Station, I don't find any open Wi-Fi, save for another Starbucks.

Ditto for the Air Canada Centre.

GO side, Union Station
12:26 p.m.: I sit on a bench in the GO side of Union Station and search fruitlessly for a connection.

Mmmuffins has a strong signal, but they're not sharing.

St. Lawrence Market
12:41 p.m.: I finally find an open — albeit incredibly slow — network at St. Lawrence Market.

I check my email and send a few tweets while contemplating an artisanal sandwich for lunch.

Union Station
1:01 p.m.: I log on to the TTC's Wi-Fi at Union Station. I'm pleasantly surprised to find you can access it from outside the fare-paid area.

Throughout the day, TCONNECT proves to be one of the most reliable Wi-Fi networks in town.

Too bad most of it is underground.

Yonge-Dundas Square
1:15 p.m.: In Yonge-Dundas Square, the Wi-Fi is brought you by Virgin Mobile.

It's free for Virgin and Bell Mobility customers, but the rest of us only get a mere 20 minutes of connectivity.

Ryerson University
1:23 p.m.: I take a stroll through Ryerson University's new Student Learning Centre, but wireless access is restricted to students.

I retrieve my old student card from my wallet, but my login no longer works.

Yonge and Bloor
1:49 p.m. There's lots of construction at Yonge and Bloor, but it doesn't look like anyone's built a Wi-Fi hotspot at one of the city's busiest intersections.

Toronto Reference Library
1:55 p.m.: The Wi-Fi is the same price as the books at the Toronto Reference Library, but unfortunately I can't get the login page to load.

A friendly clerk informs me the network gets overloaded when the library is busy.

Eaton Centre
2:21 p.m.: There's free Wi-Fi inside the Eaton Centre, but it's intermittent at best.

Nathan Phillips Square
2:35 p.m.: I can't find a signal in Nathan Phillips Square. Perhaps that's why it's so empty.

City Hall
2:40 p.m.: There's actually a pretty speedy and open Wi-Fi network inside City Hall, but how many tourists will figure that out?

Mars Discovery District
2:58 p.m.: In keeping with its image as a tech hub, the Mars Discovery District offers free Wi-Fi.

With my phone battery drained from searching for signals, it marks the last stop of the day.

INTERNET

More Wi-Fi access can help close digital divide
According to 2013 data from Statistics Canada, access to wireless Internet typically breaks down along class lines. While 68 per cent of all Canadians in the top income quartile have used wireless Internet services, only 27 per cent of the bottom income quartile have done so.

Wi-Fi's champ at City Hall

Gabe Sawhney has spent the last 10 years making Toronto a more wired place.

Sawhney is the founder of Wireless Toronto, a non-profit organization that helps businesses and venues across the city offer free Wi-Fi to customers.

"Connecting the digital city to the real city in parks and other places adds a whole layer to the kinds of activities that can be done in that place," he said.

Coun. Josh Matlow recently renewed his call for more Wi-Fi in public spaces in Toronto. Sawhney is excited to see the issue being discussed again at City Hall, and has some advice for local politicians.

"The city's job isn't to be installing Wi-Fi spots. The city's job is to make sure it's not in the way of other people installing Wi-Fi spots," he said.

Setting up a outdoor Wi-Fi spots is no easy task, Sawhney said, and one that governments aren't always equipped to handle. Instead, he believes the solution to Toronto's Wi-Fi deficit is partnerships.

He points to San Francisco, where the city has partnered with Google to help a non-profit organization set up Wi-Fi in local parks. "It was Google with the money, the city with the parks and the non-profit with the know-how and the neutrality. It's a great model," Sawhney said.

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The teens behind Nudestix

BUSINESS

Ally and Taylor Frankel are the faces of this makeup line

The Nudestix power trio includes president Jenny Frankel, right, and her daughters Taylor, 18, left, and Ally, 15. Despite their cosmetic-industry veteran mom and professional modelling experiences, the sisters never embraced a heavy makeup look. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ally and Taylor Frankel's pursuits are both typically teenaged — studying for exams, running for student council — and extraordinary — the sisters are muses, models, social media managers and co-founders of a hot Canadian makeup line.

Launched last May, Nudestix is available at such top retailers as Sephora and Urban Outfitters, and over 100 more physical and online stores internationally. It's been shortlisted as a finalist for the prestigious, New York-based Cosmetic Executive Women's 2015 Indie Brand Beauty Award.

Financed by their parents, the venture was conceived by mom and company president Jenny Frankel, a chemical engineer, one-time MAC Cosmetics product developer and co-founder of corrective camouflage line Cover FX Makeup.

Nudestix consists primarily of thick, neutral-toned pencils for lips, eyes and skin, packaged in sleek, black tins.

Jenny, dad Lorne Frankel, and a staff of about 20 manage the day-to-day aspects of the business, but Ally, 15, and Taylor, 18, who run the firm's Twitter and Instagram accounts, respectively, are key to the "Crayola meets Chanel" line which is geared to fuss-free, on-the-go millennials.

> **I noticed that beauty was not really that important to them.**
> Jenny Frankel

They are both the face of the brand — appearing in promotional material and travelling the globe to do in-store training, consumer events and media events — and its lead arbiters — vetting every lab sample at Nudestix's Dufferin-Finch headquarters with final say on shades and textures.

Company marketing material positions the girls as ambassadors for the multifunctional, $28 pencils. Employing the hashtag #gonudebutbetter, they chat up the products online, in between posting vacation selfies or Justin Beiber's latest video.

"Social platforms, that's their sources of inspiration," said Jenny of Nudestix's target demographic.

"They're not reading magazines; they're not watching TV; they're watching YouTube videos; they're on Instagram; a brand could be a person, product or retailer. Who and what they like to follow are very lifestyle-driven."

Despite their cosmetic industry veteran mom and professional modelling experiences, the sisters never embraced the heavy makeup look and related clutter of brushes and compacts.

"I noticed that beauty was not really that important to them," said Jenny. "I come from the generation of Sex and the City beauty which was that we had to wake up half-an-hour earlier to do our makeup; and if it was hair washing day, we were waking up a whole hour earlier. They wouldn't even think about that." TORSTAR NEW SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Waterfront could get a new hockey arena

For a city that loves hockey as much as Toronto does, new arenas are always welcome news. To round the number of indoor hockey arenas in the city up to 50, Toronto's waterfront could be getting one within the next three years.

"Hockey is a point of nation-defining pride and passion among Canadians and a sport that is inclusive of both genders and all ability levels," said Mark McQueen, chairman of PortsToronto, in a news release. "We are proud to make this investment in the city, one which will be of particular benefit to the waterfront community."

PortsToronto is offering land for development at the base of Cherry Street for a new hockey and skating complex, which would house a 75,000-square-foot building with an indoor two-pad ice rink, locker rooms, viewing areas and other amenities.
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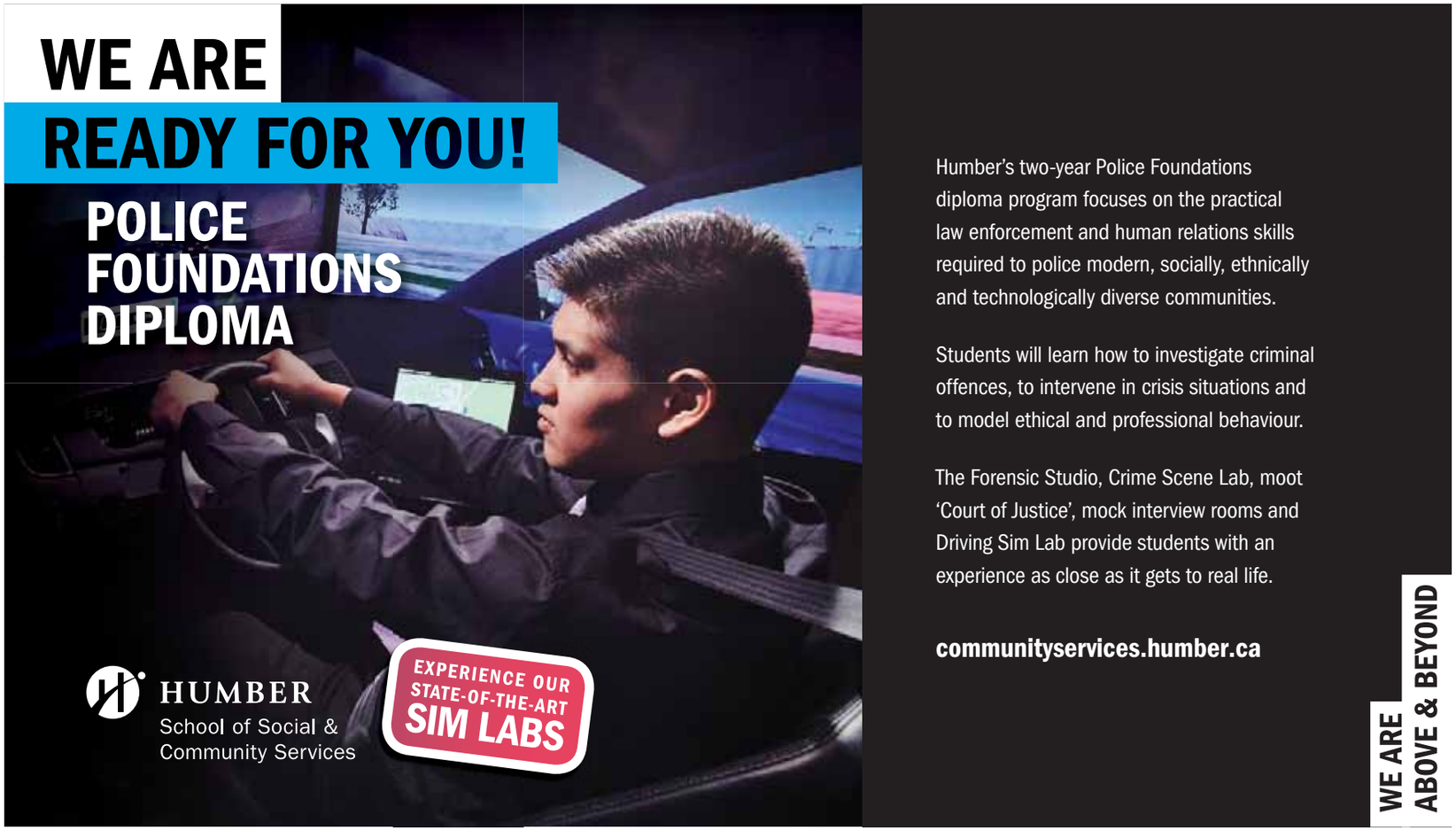
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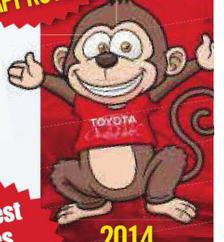

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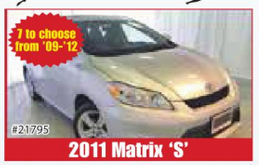

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW ROBARTS LIBRARY WING AT U OF T

After nearly eight years of planning and fundraising, an application to add a third wing to the Robarts Library at the University of Toronto has finally been filed at City Hall. The five-storey addition, dubbed Robarts Commons, will house 1,222 study spaces and add a modern touch to a building widely regarded as a monument to the brutalist architecture of the 1970s. Metro spoke with the building's designer, Gary McCluskie of Diamond Schmitt Architects, to learn some of the more interesting facts.

LUKE SIMCOE METRO

1 Forty years in the making

Two pavilions already flank the enormous library, built in 1973, but according to McCluskie, there were always plans to build a third along Huron Street. "It was never constructed, and we're not quite sure why," he said. "We're assuming it was about cost savings at the time of the original construction."

2 A green roof

Like a number of new developments in Toronto, Robarts Common will incorporate a green roof. In addition to saving energy, it'll provide a nice view for all the students cramming on the library's upper floors. "The whole western face of the old library looks over the top of Robarts Common. The green roof creates a great visual landscape for people looking down," McCluskie said.

Rendering of Robarts Library expansion. COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO & DIAMOND SCHMITT ARCHITECTS

3 A room with a view

In contrast to the concrete behemoth adjacent to it, Robarts Common will be constructed almost entirely of glass, 1,700 square metres (18,300 square feet) to be precise. "It's very much a study space, with views of the city and lots of natural light coming in," McCluskie said.

4 The price tag

Construction costs for the expansion are set to total around $25 million, McCluskie said. The university relies on donations for large capital projects, and much of the cost will be covered by a few large donors. Assuming the site application is approved, McCluskie said construction should be underway by next year.

5 Softer soil

According to McCluskie, one of the challenges of designing the new commons was the relatively soft soil at the Robarts site. "When the soil conditions aren't great, you have to use more concrete ... to create as solid a foundation as possible," he said. Amusingly, the soft ground underneath the library has given rise to an urban legend that Robarts is actually sinking. However, there's no truth to the rumours, McCluskie said, noting several engineering studies that have been done on the site.

Isolated in a poverty bubble

CHALLENGE DAY 4

Metro reporter realizes hunger isn't all he has to worry about

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

I faced a surprising challenge one morning this week.

When I was on the train coming in to work, the sky unexpectedly turned dark and it started pouring rain. It was one of those cold mornings in the middle of April, when what everybody wants is as much sunshine and warmth as possible. My friend, who rides the train with me, started talking about getting his second coffee of the day as soon as we got to the terminal.

It was a couple of days into this week's challenge of Living Below the Line and experiencing some semblance of life in extreme poverty. I was beginning to feel slightly hungrier and physically weaker. I'd expected this, but what I hadn't expected was to find myself in a kind of seclusion — kept from normal life routines because of money constraints.

I'm not a big coffee drinker, but on that particular morning, a coffee and a chat with a friend in that cold would have been perfect.

Poverty, it turns out, is more than just feeling hungry and tired. There's a sense of isolation that comes from not being able to socialize with a friend over, say, a cup of coffee.

I've been feeling isolated all week. The bubble of restrictions created by the challenge makes it impossible to sit down and share a meal with others, either at home or in a restaurant.

I passed on going out with friends to watch a Raptors game, fearing that would mean spending money on drinks.

And I didn't make plans to go to the movies, because that would probably mean buying popcorn or something else totally beyond my $1.75-a-day budget.

Part of what I've learned since taking on this challenge has been to appreciate the little things in life that I take for granted. That morning was one of those learning moments.

In modern society, coffee isn't something most people have to have a plan to buy. If you feel like having a cup, you can just grab some change and go get it. You hardly ever mind the price.

I successfully resisted the urge to act that morning, as my friend bought a coffee when we arrived at the food court.

On the rest of the trip to my office, I reflected on what poverty really means to the people who live in it. I imagined a poor person missing out on that coffee and chat due to lack of money.

The struggle of living on a meagre budget is about more than food, basic shelter, clothing and education. There's an emotional toll that leads to anxiety and, quite honestly, depression.

Just another reminder that I'm lucky to be able to share a coffee with a friend, any time I want.

LIVING BELOW THE LINE

The reporter: Gilbert Ngabo works for Metro in Toronto. He moved to Canada from Rwanda five years ago.

The mission: To live on just $1.75 a day for five days — a challenge made to all Canadians by the Global Poverty Project, which says that's the daily budget of those who live below the poverty line.

The series: Day 4 of 5, the social isolation that comes with poverty.

Follow Gilbert Ngabo on Twitter @dugilbo or at metronews.ca. The final installment will appear in Metro on Monday.

THEATRE SINGING IN SYNC An estimated 900 Torontonians flocked to the Ed Mirvish Theatre on Thursday for a synchronized acoustic-guitar singalong as part of a promotional event for Once, a musical that opened in Toronto on Feb. 22. All the participants were gifted two tickets to the show, which is slated to run until May 31. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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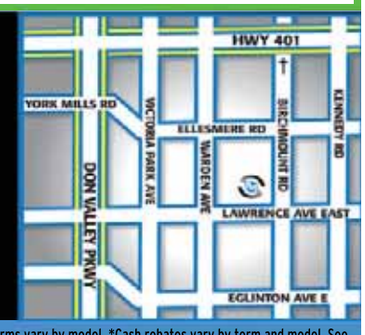

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Fighting for a fair fertility price

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

Former Wynne employee tweets about huge cost of treatment

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

With a quick warning that she was going to "tweet some girls stuff," Siri Agrell launched into a very personal Twitter campaign to get people talking about the taboo subject of women's fertility.

Agrell works in communications and is a former deputy director of communications to Premier Kathleen Wynne. On Thursday morning, as Wynne's government was preparing to release the 2015 budget, Agrell was in a Toronto waiting room.

"If you want to see female strength, determination and resilience, hang out in a fertility clinic for a few days," she tweeted. "Women come in the morning: give blood, have ultrasounds, get injections. And then to work, silent on the early violations of their day."

In fertility clinic every morning for a week, she'd noticed the other women's shoes.

"The costs of IVF are prohibitive, and the waiting room has a distinctly upper-middle class vibe. There are lots of nice shoes," she tweeted. "The Ontario government has promised to fund IVF since 2007. With my luck it'll kick in when I'm done."

That afternoon, the Ontario budget was unveiled, including a promise to cover some of the costs for one round of in vitro fertilization (IVF) for infertile women. The details aren't yet known, but an expert panel is expected to make a recommendation to the government soon.

Agrell said, after the budget was announced, she'd like details soon. "A lot of families in this province who are dealing with fertility issues have so much uncertainty in their lives; I think giving them certainty about this is the least the government can do."

> **The costs of IVF are prohibitive**
> Siri Agrell

Depending on a person's medical needs, one round of IVF costs about $10,000. Some people require several rounds. Agrell hopes the government's plan promotes fairness. "It's important that people dealing with great and tragic challenges in their lives be given the same opportunities for parenthood as everyone else," Agrell said.

Many people have been talking about those challenges since she started tweeting Thursday morning, she said. These couples are strong, she said, but feel alone. "The silence around pregnancy, loss and infertility is astounding. The things people carry with them when there is no baby #IVF," she tweeted.

Siri Agrell took to Twitter to air her views. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

TWITTER

Some of what Siri said:
Siri Agrell's Twitter observations from the fertility clinic waiting room:

- For two hours each morning, the clinic is packed. The sadness and stress and pain and hope of this. #IVF
- On the counter by the ultrasound rooms, a stack of files. Some two inches thick, the implications of which are too much to think about. #IVF
- "That's not my file," says one woman to a nurse. "It's my sister's." #IVF
- There are few run-ins as awkward as the fertility clinic run-ins. I've seen colleagues, acquaintances, people I planted trees with. #IVF
- I talk to one woman whose beautiful daughter is freezing her eggs because she has breast cancer. #IVF
- One woman talks to her toddler louder than is necessary, a public staking of territory. I am a mother. Know this. #IVF

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Infrastructure push brings service cuts

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Debt will rise, but economy is set to grow by 2.7 per cent

There could be some bumps along the road to a balanced budget.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa's budget Thursday spelled out a massive 10-year, $130-billion infrastructure push fuelled by supermarket beer sales, a sell-off of Hydro One, and flatlined spending.

Saddled with a budget shortfall he hopes to eliminate in 2017-18 — in time for the October 2018 provincial election — Sousa said average annual increases on health and education must be limited to 1.9 per cent and 2 per cent respectively over the next few years.

Overall spending on other services — except justice and children and youth services — will be cut by 5.5 per cent, though no public service jobs will be eliminated. Some of the reductions will come from time-limited expenditures such as this summer's Pan Am Games, which are already funded.

Sousa said Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberals — re-elected last June with a majority — are "building Ontario up" by finally addressing the need for transit, highways, bridges, waterworks, and hospitals.

There are no tax hikes in the budget other than a three cents a litre beer charge starting this November. That will increase three cents per litre per year until 2018

Ontario's debt will rise to $298.9 billion next year, but, propelled by low oil prices and a weaker Canadian dollar, the government predicts the economy will grow by 2.7 per cent.

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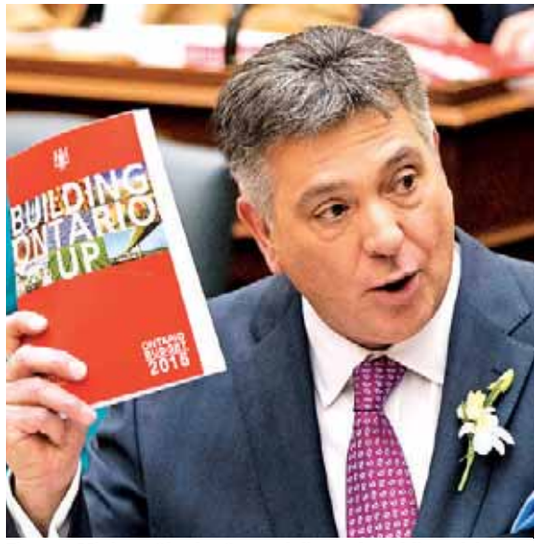

Finance Minister Charles Sousa delivers the tabling of the budget at Queen's Park in Toronto on Thursday.

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WINNERS AND LOSERS

Winners:

Commuters
The province is pledging more than $130 billion for infrastructure, including $16 billion to build transit from the suburbs to the Toronto core.

Beer drinkers
Suds are coming to 450 grocery stores, and the Beer Store should get some long overdue oversight.

Students
The government is offering amnesty to the almost 200,000 former students who have fallen behind on their loans. By making payments for six months, defaulters can apply for "rehabilitation" to bring their loans into good standing and escape the punitive measures and restore their credit. The government is also helping student borrowers by indexing payouts to inflation and making it easier for students with cars to get financial aid.

Losers:

Apprentices
The government is changing the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit, decreasing the general rate from 35 per cent to 25 per cent. The annual maximum per apprentice is also being decreased from $10,000 to $5,000.

Drug program recipients
Change to the Ontario Drug Benefit Program will include adjusting some dispensing payments and practices and modernizing coverage and reimbursement of certain products through evidence-based reviews.

Foreign film producers
The government is reducing the rate of a tax credit for foreign film producers, saying Ontario is becoming increasingly attractive due to a lower Canadian dollar.

Insurance companies
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OBITUARY

Performer's 'joy and love' remembered

Lois Lilienstein photographed in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lois Lilienstein loved children, loved music and loved to perform. Credited with providing the special spark that helped make Sharon, Lois & Bram one of the biggest kids' acts of the 1980s, Lilienstein was being remembered Thursday as a vivacious performer with a Broadway background and a knack for understanding how to entertain children.

Lilienstein died Wednesday of a rare form of cancer. She was 78.

"It's a shock. We've been together for 37 years — it's like a marriage," longtime collaborator Bram Morrison said Thursday, describing Lilienstein as "full of ideas and energy."

David Lilienstein said his mother died Wednesday at home in Toronto surrounded by friends and family. After being diagnosed last October, her health took a sudden downturn in recent weeks, he said.

Sharon, Lois & Bram entrenched themselves as preschool stars with their CBC television series The Elephant Show, which ran from 1984 to 1989.

Fred Penner, another children's entertainer, marvelled at the trio's tight harmonies.

"She always had this really, really warm smile and a lovely human spirit that would come out and you'd feel that joy and love coming from her, always — even off-stage," said Penner.

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Raptors fans are ready — and hoping — for a big win heading into Friday's big game. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Raps fans with 'heart'

NBA

T.O. looks on as Raptors go to Washington for Game 3

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Watching Tuesday's game as the Toronto Raptors stumbled against the Washington Wizards was the worst thing for Derek Viveiros as a fan of the Canadian basketball team.

"It was gut wrenching," he said. "Heart and fight is what we've come to love of the Raptors and to see that apparently not evident in Game 2 was difficult."

But he expects nothing but love from fans continuing to show support to the team he described as having completely reshaped and overtaken the sports fan base in the city.

As the Raptors look to rebound from squandering home court advantage and losing two home games of the first round, fans across the city, albeit disappointed, seem to be undeterred.

Many are making the trek to Verizon Centre to cheer on their team in Game 3 of the series Friday night, while others have plans to be there on Sunday in game four.

Burhan Ehsan from Markham, who'll travel with his friends to D.C. on Sunday, is still hopeful the Raptors will bounce back.

"They are a very good road team," he said. "If they keep their mental toughness as a unit, there's no reason why they shouldn't beat the Wizards."

The Raptors are 22-19 on the road this season and, more importantly, haven't dropped a game in Washington DC since March 2013.

On top of finding a way to contain Wizards' backcourt duo of Bradley Beal and John Wall, the Raptors will need to do a better job defending and getting rebounds, said Zarar Siddiqi, writer and analyst with local website raptorsrepublic.com.

"You simply can't win a basketball game by being minus-17 on the boards," he said.

PLAYOFF PARTY

The party will kick off at Ford Fan Zone at Maple Leaf Square at 5p.m. Friday. Here's a rundown of what fans can expect:

- Open Gym (documentary series about the Raptors) will play from 5-5:30 p.m.
- Live DJ begins music at 5:30
- Each fan will receive Raptors/Ford giveaway T-shirt upon entry
- Appearances from The Raptor, Stripes and the göt2b Raptors Dance Pak
- Many T-shirts with the new Raptors logo will be thrown from the stage for fans
- Several ticket giveaways to Game 5 at Air Canada Centre courtesy of Bell
- TSN live hit on the Bremner Board (TV screen) with Cabbie Richards
- Tip-off at 8 p.m.

Makeup was personal expense: Witness

TRIAL

Senate finance official rejected Mike Duffy's $300 claim

A senior Senate official says she rejected Mike Duffy's $300 claim for a makeup artist's services six years ago because it was a personal — not a parliamentary — expense.

Nicole Proulx, head of the Senate's finance directorate at the time, testified at the suspended senator's fraud trial on Thursday that the "uniqueness" of the March 2009 expense claim prompted an employee to bring it to her attention.

It appears Proulx had no difficulty deciding whether the services of professional makeup artist Jacqueline A. Lambert — provided for a photographic shoot of Duffy's official Senate portrait — qualified for reimbursement.

"My reaction was 'no,' " Proulx said under questioning by Crown prosecutor Jason Neubauer. "It was personal."

Proulx, now the Senate's chief corporate services officer, said she then contacted Duffy's office to explain why it was not considered an appropriate expense.

Proulx recalled that she spoke with a member of Duffy's staff and asked "if she would pass on the information to Sen. Duffy so he would consider paying it himself."

Proulx subsequently sent an April 9, 2009, letter to Duffy saying the Senate finance directorate is required to ensure claims and supporting documentation conform with rules and policies prior to reimbursement. As a result, the directorate did not have the authority to process the invoice and returned the original material. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Witness Nicole Proulx GREG BANNING/THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRENCH MINISTER

Terrorism linked to racism: Taubira

The marginalization caused by racism has an alienating effect that makes people more vulnerable to terrorist recruiters, says France's visiting justice minister.

Christiane Taubira knows of what she speaks: as France's most prominent black politician, she has faced repeated public racist slurs in her country.

Taubira made it clear that she doesn't see being discriminated against as an explanation or excuse for terrorism.

"I'm not sure I want to understand the causes of terrorism," she said in an exclusive interview Thursday at the French Embassy in Ottawa. "Terror is terror, just absolute."

But Taubira said there is a link between a young person being pushed to the margins of society and "how easy" that makes it for a terrorist to recruit them, especially using the Internet.

"Because it's so easy for (terrorists) to say, 'You will be very important because you will be very powerful, you will be able to kill, and afterwards you will be happy,'" she said.

"The link is there. It's easy to convince young people that there is a better life in terrorism than in hoping in the society."

Taubira said being on the receiving end of some vicious racist slurs has only made her stronger.

She said this week's appointment of Toronto's first black police chief, Mark Saunders, carries the sort of symbolism that can give some young people a sense of hope. But she was quick to add: "I don't want just one person on TV, one person in the government … I want equality for all."

Christiane Taubira
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taubira was on a visit to meet her federal counterparts in Ottawa, Justice Minister Peter MacKay and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, and will travel to Montreal on Friday.

France and Canada, she said, are forging deep co-operative links in the fight against terrorism following January's deadly terror attacks in Paris and the October killings of two Canadian soldiers in separate incidents in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.

France, like Canada, has proposed anti-terrorism legislation. While Taubira did not comment specifically on Canada's bill, she did emphasize the need to preserve the balance between fighting terrorism and protecting civil liberties and democratic principles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

First Nation evacuated for the fourth year

The evacuation of a remote northern Ontario First Nation has begun as the rapidly rising Albany River threatens the community. Three flights have already left the James Bay community of Kashechewan, Ont., en route to Kapuskasing, according to Chief Derek Stephen. About 600 of the most vulnerable residents will be gone by Friday, Stephen said. The plan is to have all 1,900 residents leave within the next week. This is the fourth consecutive year the First Nation has had to be evacuated. Stephen says the community spent $21 million on the evacuation last year, and millions more on repairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Killer took photos of victims: relative

SASKATCHEWAN

Woman and three children killed; suspect shoots himself

He killed them. And then he took their photos and sent them to their father.

A relative of a woman and three children murdered this week in Saskatchewan said their killer took pictures of the bodies and sent copies to the children's biological father before taking his own life.

Tim Funk, a cousin of Latasha Gosling, said Steve O'Shaughnessy was the woman's boyfriend and that he was emotionally abusive, controlling and jealous.

Gosling, 27, was separated from her husband, but not officially divorced, and had been with O'Shaughnessy for the last couple of years, Funk said.

The husband often went to visit his three kids: Jenika 8, Landen, 7, and Janayah, 4. They had been living most recently with Gosling and O'Shaughnessy in a rented mobile home in Tisdale, a town of 3,200 northeast of Saskatoon.

The boyfriend "didn't like it at all'' when the husband came around, Funk said.

On Tuesday, the husband received the gruesome photos in a text sent to his cellphone, said Funk. It was the day before the husband's birthday.

O'Shaughnessy "sent them to him as a birthday gift.''

Funk said the husband called Mounties, who found the bodies early Wednesday in the mobile home.

RCMP have confirmed that officers received a call from a family member around supper-time Tuesday, saying the woman and children hadn't been heard from all day and couldn't be reached.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the trailer and found the four, but have not said how they were killed.

The manager of the mobile home park said he was called by police that night to bring over a spare key.

He saw the children's distraught father there.

Officers tracked a suspect to a home 130 kilometres away in Prince Albert.

Police said the man had taken a six-month-old baby with him from the trailer. He then killed himself, but the infant was unharmed.

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Latasha Gosling and three of her children - Janaa, Jenika and Landen. HO-THE CANADIAN PRESS

JUSTICE

Top court OKs extradition of two

The Supreme Court of Canada has cleared the way for two Canadian men to be extradited to New Hampshire to face trial in what the Crown called the "brutal, hate-inspired murder of a lesbian couple.''

The justices ruled directly from the bench after a hearing on Thursday.

Anthony Barnaby and David Caplin are wanted by American authorities in a cold case investigation into the 1988 killings of Charlene Ranstrom and Brenda Warner. The two men were living in Nashua, N.H., at the time.

Barnaby was tried three times in the killings, but each trial ended in a hung jury and charges were dismissed after the third mistrial in 1990. Caplin was charged, but never tried after key evidence was excluded.

The case languished for two decades, but was re-opened in 2010, when police re-interviewed witnesses and new DNA testing techniques were used. The Canadian government ordered the extraditions in 2011, but they have been under appeal since then.

The Quebec Court of Appeal approved Caplin's extradition, but blocked Barnaby's, saying a fourth trial constituted an abuse and that the new evidence referred to by the American police was not really new.

Caplin appealed his extradition to the Supreme Court, while the Crown appealed the ruling that quashed Barnaby's extradition. The two cases were heard together.

Mark Sisti, the American lawyer who defended Barnaby 25 years ago and worked on his extradition case, said he's stunned that the case is being resuscitated.

"It's absolutely outrageous,'' he said in an interview. ``I can't even imagine this thing coming back here.

"I don't know what's going on here. I am absolutely befuddled as to why a case as weak as this one has drawn so much attention from the attorney general's office in New Hampshire.'' Sisti said no one in New Hampshire has ever been tried four times for the same crime. The Crown says a fourth trial was not necessarily an abuse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Obama apologizes for drone casualties

MILITARY

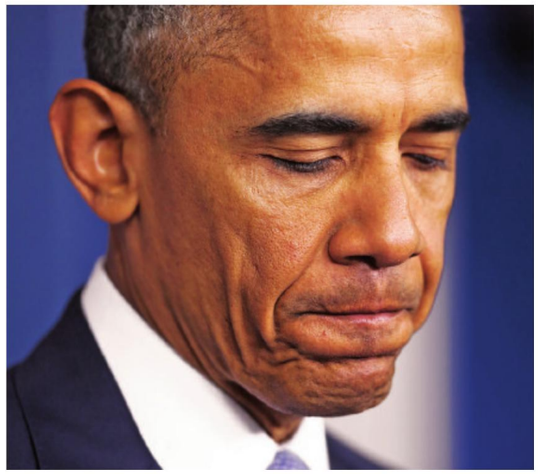
American and Italian hostages killed in CIA strikes

President Barack Obama revealed Thursday that U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan inadvertently killed an American and an Italian, two hostages held by al-Qaida, as well as two other Americans who had leadership roles with the terror network.

Obama somberly said he took full responsibility for the January CIA strikes and regretted the deaths of hostages Warren Weinstein and Giovanni Lo Porto, an Italian aid worker.

The president cast the incident as a tragic consequence of the special difficulties of the fight against terrorists.

The incident is likely to spark scrutiny of Obama's frequent use of drones to target terrorists and his pledge to strike only when there is "near-certainty" that no civilians will be harmed.



President Barack Obama pauses while speaking in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House on Thursday.
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Weinstein, who was captured as he neared the end of a contract assignment with the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Lo Porto were killed during a drone strike against an al-Qaida compound in Pakistan, near the Afghan border.

U.S. officials said the compound was targeted because intelligence showed it was frequented by al-Qaida leaders. That same intelligence offered no indication the hostages were there, the officials said.

The president said he had ordered a review of the incidents to help identify any changes that might be made to prevent similar deaths in the future.

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> **"It is a cruel and bitter truth that in the fog of war generally and our fight against terrorists specifically, mistakes — sometimes deadly mistakes — can occur.**
> U.S. President Barack Obama

MEDITERRANEAN

EU commits to aiding migrants

European Union leaders committed extra ships, planes and helicopters to save lives in the Mediterranean at an emergency summit convened Thursday to address a crisis that has left more than 1,300 migrants dead over the past three weeks, and agreed to lay the groundwork for military action against traffickers.

Germany and France pledged two ships each, while Britain committed three to patrol the Mediterranean, and other member states also lined up more vessels and helicopters that could be used to rescue migrants, officials said.

EU member states also agreed to triple funding to nine million euros ($9.7 million US) a month for the EU operation that patrols the Mediterranean.

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GTAA Annual Public Meeting

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) hereby gives notice of its Annual Public Meeting relating to the management, operation, and maintenance of Toronto Pearson International Airport (Toronto Pearson).

The GTAA manages and operates Toronto Pearson which served approximately 39 million passengers in 2014. Information about the GTAA and Toronto Pearson is available at www.torontopearson.com.

The Annual Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Gateway Hotel (Alpine Room), adjacent to Terminal 3. Parking will be validated.

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Report maps quakes set off by drilling

OIL AND GAS

Stable regions in 8 U.S. states see seismic activity spike

More than a dozen areas in the United States have been shaken in recent years by small earthquakes triggered by oil-and-gas drilling, a government report released Thursday found.

The man-made quakes jolted once-stable regions in eight states, including parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas, according to researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Experts said the spike in seismic activity is mainly caused by the oil-and-gas industry injecting wastewater deep underground, which can activate dormant faults. A few instances stem from hydraulic fracturing, in which large volumes of water, sand and chemicals are pumped into rock formations to free oil or gas.

Many studies have linked the rise in small quakes to the injection of wastewater into disposal wells, but the Geological Survey's report takes the first comprehensive look at where the man-made quakes are occurring.

Oklahoma lately has been rocked by more magnitude-3 quakes than California, the most seismically active of the lower 48 states, Petersen said.

Oklahoma was not on scientists' radar until recently, when the state experienced a spate of quakes.

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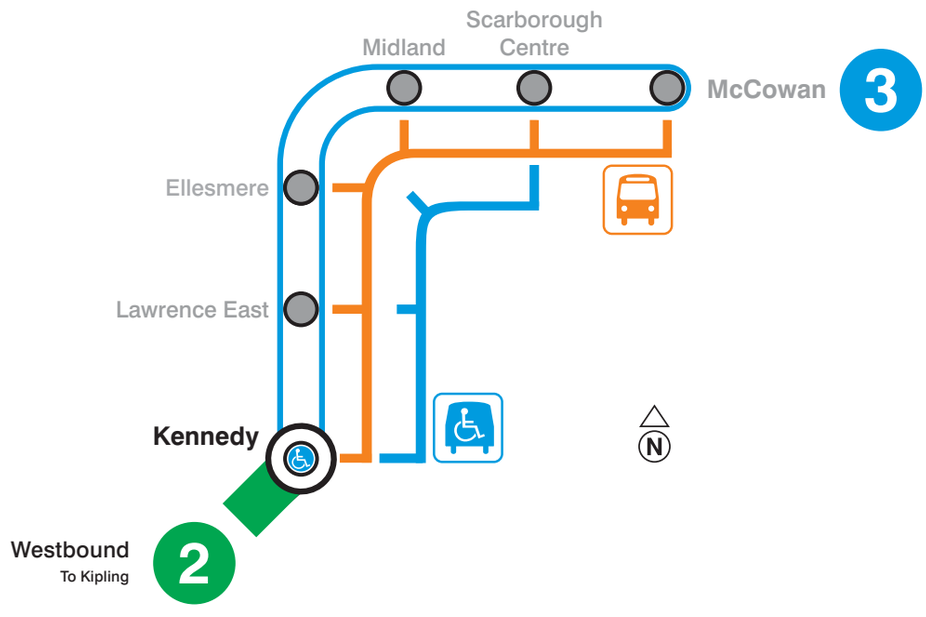

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IN BRIEF

B.C. firm to help space station's live stream

A Vancouver-based company has announced that it's teaming up with NASA to help send out live, high-definition video of the Earth taken from the International Space Station. Scott Larson, the CEO of UrtheCast Corp., says within a few months his firm's website will be distributing the real-time video taken by four cameras on the space station.

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We have also introduced fresh thinking via recruitment of external candidates to key positions, and we are increasingly using industry proven products, rather than home-grown solutions.

Finally, we are actively talking with academics and industry experts about ways to squeeze more capacity out of our network today, as we wait for new infrastructure to be built.

Every week people contact me with their suggestions for how to improve TTC service. While things are not always as easy to fix as they might first appear, I always listen to new ideas – not least to demonstrate that we are serious about making the TTC more modern, flexible and innovative in its outlook.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name: Richard Brettell
Position: Engineering Technologist
Years of Service: 33

I began my career at the TTC 33 years ago, and went to work on SRT cars the first day the SRT went into service. It was unique in the TTC inventory and still is to this day. The first time I experienced the train "driving" itself was a bit of an eye opener. It seemed very odd to watch it accelerate, slow down, stop on a platform and then open its doors, all without me doing a thing! For the first few years, we had transit companies from all over the world visit us to see and experience first-hand all of the new technology at work. It was a technological marvel at the time and I was and still am proud to be associated with the legacy of the SRT.

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The anonymous survey takes 3 – 5 minutes to complete and covers topics like information, accessibility, reliability, safety and security, customer care, and station cleanliness. You have until May 10 to complete the survey, available at ttc.ca.

LINE 3 CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, on Sat., Apr. 25 and Sun., Apr. 26, Line 3 (Scarborough RT) will be closed for scheduled track and signal upgrades, including replacing 366 metres of rail near Kennedy Station and electrical cables between Ellesmere and McCowan stations.

During the closure, frequent replacement buses will operate between Kennedy and McCowan. Regular subway service will resume on Mon., Apr. 27 at 6 a.m.

This is the first of five scheduled closures on Line 3 this year as the TTC undertakes a complete rehabilitation of the tracks and vehicles to provide a more reliable and comfortable service over the next 10 years.

The line will be decommissioned following the opening of the Scarborough Subway Extension. The next Line 3 closure is scheduled for June 20 and 21.

Tracks are delivered to McCowan Yard on a flatbed truck ahead of track upgrades on Line 3 Scarborough this weekend.

Weekly Customer Service Report Week ending April 22, 2015	Actual % Target %	
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Happy face/Sad face

From potential **personhood** for primates to **lewd funerals**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week

Community composting happens

Free piles of compost and (if you're lucky) manure are starting to appear at designated pick-up points across Canada, thanks to local initiatives by municipalities and neighbourhood groups. Residents use pails or wheelbarrows to collect "black gold" for their gardens. For more information, contact your municipality — or start your own program with help from the Compost Council of Canada at compost.org.

Stripping for the dead no longer allowed

A dearth of cultural activities and the belief that high turnout honours the dead has resulted in traditional opera and even movie screenings at family funerals in rural China. But "lewd" performances — including strippers — is going too far, say authorities. The Ministry of Culture has announced that those responsible for any more vulgar acts will be punished. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Orleans, Miami: sin cities no more?

New Orleans has imposed a ban on smoking in bars, gambling halls, hotels, workplaces, private clubs and stores. And that includes e-cigarettes. Meanwhile, in Miami, city commissioners are considering a proposal to ban alcohol sales at open-air bars and cafés — but only from 2 to 8 a.m. Last call is currently 5 a.m., with drinking in the wee hours blamed for a rise in bad behaviour all round.

Chimpanzees may yet get person status

Two research chimpanzees may be freed next month if the New York State Supreme Court deems they have rights as persons. The lawsuit was initiated by the Nonhuman Rights Project. According to Science magazine, NhRP is set to launch more cases offering scientific evidence that elephants, great apes, whales and dolphins "are autonomous beings and deserve the right to bodily liberty."

Men eat up feminism when it's this funny

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler

Some people take feminist studies because they're interested, others take it to pick up chicks (I seriously know a guy who did that), and some people might be taking a variation of feminist studies without even knowing it.

American comedian Amy Schumer's sketch show, Inside Amy Schumer, premiered its third season on Tuesday night and in terms of feminist studies, it packed a mean, hilarious, well-manicured punch.

Schumer is already well known as someone who pushes envelopes on lots of topics, but Tuesday's episode was saturated in women's issues and, just as sugar helps the medicine go down, I'm thinking humour might help the feminism go down.

There was a sketch titled Last F–able Day starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Tina Fey and Patricia Arquette about how women in Hollywood have a sexual expiration date (whereas men stay desirable forever).

A parody commercial for birth control was juxtaposed with the fact that American women need the approval of several random men to get their hands on contraception.

And another brilliant sketch poked at rape culture, seemingly using the Steubenville, Ohio, rape case of 2012 as a touchstone for satire.

In it, Josh Charles channelled Coach from Friday Night Lights, shocking his high-school football players, and courting censure from the community, by instituting a new rule for the team: "No raping." This might all sound heavy, and it WAS. But it was also some of the funniest television I've seen in years. Aside from being entertained, I was excited by the fact the show is equally popular among Comedy Central's male and female viewers — and thought about all kinds of possibilities this offered in terms of educating and communicating with those whose ears normally shut off at the mention of the word "feminism."

Schumer is a comical Trojan horse with female empowerment hidden inside.

First I imagined a hypothetical scenario in which a stereotypical "dumb jock" comes in contact with a "feminist" — maybe in a dentist's waiting room? As soon as the feminist starts talking to the jock about feminist issues he rolls his eyes, blocks her out and continues "reading" his Maxim magazine. Then I imagined the same jock, in a marijuana haze, stumbling upon Inside Amy Schumer.

I can totally see the jock laughing and guffawing, "Ha ha. It's funny 'cause it's true." And then a few seconds later thinking, "D'oh!" followed by the icky feeling of having learned something.

Comedians have long been known as social commentators who help to improve society.

Amy Schumer is a comical Trojan horse with female empowerment hidden inside.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

A toast to toast (and not the artisanal kind sold at luxury prices)

Toast is among the more inane hipster trends right now: Painfully cool cafés charging $5 for a slice of artisan toast and jam. But toast hit peak cliché with the advent of the charred selfie.

The U.S. company Burnt Impressions charges $85 for a customized toaster that pops out browned bread in your likeness, which seems especially pricey since you'll likely slather peanut butter on top, making your face pointless.

There is no simple pleasure that hipsters won't corrupt.

Toast culture itself is very, very old. Writer Mary Mann has traced it back to the Romans: "'Tostum' is Latin for scorched, and toast was made by putting stale bread on a stone near fire, and later, on a wire frame over fire," she wrote in her essay A Brief History of Toast. It was about household economics, a way to rejuvenate stale bread and extend your food.

Toasting forks were invented to make the process easier, and they became ubiquitous by the 19th century, said food historian William Rubel, author of the book Bread: A Global History. "When you use a toasting fork and toast in front of the fire place, you can fully modulate the extent to which the toast is toasted." It was, he said, the most personalized of foods.

British toast culture likely developed in part because wheat bread is well suited to toasting, he mused. But it was the invention of the electric toaster and sliced bread that cemented toast as the humble, inexpensive breakfast food of modern England, the U.S. and Canada.

Toast culture has other reasons for enduring. The sweet smell of bread crisping. The charred, caramelized taste. At my grandmother's cottage on Lake Muskoka, the dining table was a long picnic bench to squeeze as many people in at a time, and the toaster sat on the sideboard. Whoever sat nearest was on duty, rotating slices in, serving them out when they shot up steaming.

Even scientists haven't been able to resist toast's allure. One researcher in the U.K. found our love of toast is really a love of childhood, and the aroma brings waves of memories — nostalgia for breakfast.

I guess, then, we should have been expecting this — overpriced toast that misses the point that toast is loved for its humbleness, and breakfast as yet another mirror of your own existence. It used be Jesus on a slice of bread.

I'd rather see his face in the morning than my own, and I wish "artisan" wasn't an excuse to charge luxury prices for such a simple pleasure as toast.

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Our obsession with immortality

ANALYSIS

The Age of Adaline is just one of many films about eternal life

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

The new Blake Lively movie, The Age of Adaline, sees its star play a woman who was frozen in time at age 29, never to age another day. No laugh lines, stiffness in the bones or grey hair for her. She drifts through life, an eternal 20-something, as her pals age and eventually die.

How does she compare to friends and family? Well, in the film, the youthful centenarian Lively has a daughter played by Ellen Burstyn, a veteran actress 55 years her co-star's senior.

It's a romantic fantasy that brings up an interesting question. Sure, the idea of defying age sounds intriguing, but why would you want to fall in love when there is no possibility of growing old together? That's the dreamy question at the heart of the film; the notion that allows director Lee Toland Krieger to explore the mushier side of the story. But what about the engine that drives the tale — immortality?

With characters like Wolverine and Twilight's Edward Cullen pulling in big box-office bucks, it's not shocking that movies seem infatuated with eternal life. Nor should it come as a shock that actors are drawn to immortal characters. The obsession with youth is one thing, that's a job requirement — perhaps that's why the U.S., with Los Angeles at the epicentre, is the world capital of plastic surgery — but I think it goes beyond that.

With visions of an ageless Adaline dancing in my head I posed a simple question to Alex Garland, the director and screenwriter of this weekend's artificial intelligence drama Ex Machina: "Why have movies about immortality been so popular with actors and filmmakers?" I got an intriguing answer.

"There is an interest floating around which is as much to do with longevity as it is immortality," he said, "but it contains immortality as a long-term goal.

"Broadly speaking, what I would say, at least where filmmakers are concerned, is that they're subject to the same zeitgeist things that everybody else is, so what they will do is manifest it in their job."

Perhaps that's why in the coming months we'll see eternal characters in everything from The Avengers: Age of Ultron and Terminator Genisys to Pan and Crimson Peak.

The rich and famous have always dreamed of extending natural life. For instance, although it's an urban legend that Walt Disney was frozen cryogenically to be thawed later, it makes a good and almost true-sounding story. While working on Ex Machina, Garland says he discovered tales of wealthy people looking to find immortality through science.

"The researchers might be quite realistic about what artificial intelligence can promise, but the funders may be less realistic about it. One of the things that some of the funders are looking for, and I've heard this expressed very explicitly, not in a coded way, but an absolutely straightforward way, is the ability to download yourself and for you to survive long as a result of your enormous wealth.

Michiel Huisman and Blake Lively star in The Age of Adaline, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

> **Powerful people don't want to die**
> Director Alex Garland

"Powerful people don't want to die. Everyone else figures they don't have a choice but the really powerful people figure they do have a choice and they are going to explore it just in case."

I think Hollywood may be obsessed with immortality for one other reason. Film stock offers its own kind of eternity, where one never ages and on the screen Blake Lively will be the 29-year-old Adaline forever. *Check out our interview with Blake Lively on page 23.*

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Age of Adaline	★★★
The Water Diviner	★★★
Ex Machina	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
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Russell Crowe directs and stars in The Water Diviner, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Russell Crowe's directorial debut

Russell Crowe steps behind the camera for his first feature as a director, The Water Diviner, offering a sometimes controversial view on the fallout from the Battle of Gallipoli in the Second World War, with Australian and Turkish families reeling in equal measure from the devastating battle.

He also had just the actor in mind for the lead role, some Australian bloke named Russell Crowe. As luck would have it, the two got along just fine.

What was it about this story in particular that made it something you had to direct?
It's a funny thing, I didn't really choose this project. It kind of snuck up and chose me. I was in the middle of an extremely busy year, doing five projects in one 16-month period, and this script arrived, and the trajectory of all the other things I was going to do changed on the basis of reading it. There's a historical connection, a cultural connection with Australians and New Zealanders and the battle of Gallipoli, and there's the simple reality of the narrative, the story of a man who had three sons who go to war and don't come back.

It really was the first war that was advertised to people, wasn't it?
Yeah, it's the beginning of mass communication, right? And that's why the British government was compelled to inter the bodies. People wanted to know what happened to their children. They demanded to know.

And now that you've directed yourself, as an actor would you say you're easy to work with?
I gave the director everything he asked for. NED EHRBAR/METRO

MARVEL UNIVERSE

Setting the stage for a Civil War

There's a conflict brewing in Avengers: Age of Ultron, and it doesn't involve megalomaniac robots. After reaching a peace with their structure and roles on the superhero fighting team, Tony Stark/Iron Man and Steve Rogers/Captain America have begun to clash ideologically.

The stoic Steve, still reeling from revelations of widespread corruption in The Winter Soldier, is starting to question the precepts he's followed blindly for so long. Tony, meanwhile, is drifting toward the desire for order and control.

> **I'm really stoked to see when we have more stuff to actually do together besides act like we're about to have a fight one day.**
> Robert Downey Jr.

"Morality hits Tony, humanity hits Tony. All of a sudden he feels responsible," said Chris Evans, who plays Rogers for the fourth time in the billion dollar Marvel franchise.

"Neither one of them is blindly convicted. It's blurry and that's what makes it great. No one's right, no one's wrong," said Evans in a recent joint interview with Robert Downey Jr., back for a fifth turn as Stark.

"It's going to make it even harder for them to come to an agreement, which I'm really excited about," said Downey.

While the seeds of a fight are scattered throughout Ultron, the second gathering of the Avengers on the big screen out May 1, it's also setting the stage for next year's Captain America: Civil War. Plot details are sparse, but any casual comics fan knows that Civil War is where the Avengers fracture, divided down lines set by Tony and Steve.

It's also the only upcoming Marvel film for which Downey and Evans have been confirmed.

"It's like a marriage," said Evans. "We love each other but it's explosive. You're working toward the same goal, but you have very different approaches to it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Captain America (Chris Evans) and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) in Marvel's Avengers: Age Of Ultron. HANDOUT

Domhnall Gleeson, left, and Oscar Isaac in Ex Machina. CONTRIBUTED

Oscar Isaac is leery of robots

SCI-FI

Ex Machina star has a lot to say about technology

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

After earning acclaim for roles set in the past — like Inside Llewyn Davis and A Most Violent Year — Oscar Isaac is firmly facing forward with the mind-bending new sci-fi indie Ex Machina — in which he plays a hermetic scientist trying to perfect artificial intelligence — and some other little film later this year called Star Wars: the Force Awakens. But that doesn't mean he's optimistic about the future.

There have been plenty of stories — movies, books, TV shows — about A.I. and the Singularity, and almost all of them end badly. Why do you think that is?
There's Kurzweil, who's a futurist who's a complete optimist. I actually read a book called The Optimist's Guide to the Future, as well. It was very funny. I think with history in general, the things we create we tend to lose control over. The Industrial Revolution is an example of how in a very short amount of time, we've done a lot of damage, like what's happening with the sea level rising, climate change — which is all real and is all happening. It's like, if that happens with stuff that's not self-aware, what would happen with things that are self-aware? Now Kurzweil, as an optimist, he believes that they will definitely grow exponentially once you do reach the singularity. But he's optimistic that we will become more machine as well. That's the only way we'll compete — with nanotechnology, with exoskeletons, whatever it is, we will also be able to compete by becoming more machine ourselves. Which we already are, you know. I mean, we have any answer to any question right (on our iPhones), even though it's disposable knowledge. I think it's very few people who actually retain anything that they look up on Google.

That's a popular word for deriding technological advancement: disposable.
Take just music, what it's done to music. I think music is way more disposable now, and people don't interact with it the same way they used to. I think that you've got lots of music going into your head, but I don't think that the experience is as deep as it maybe once was. Things are on shuffle, it's all content, just constant shifts of content, as opposed to living with an album for a while and seeing how it fits with your experience of the world. I don't know, I just find that it feels like interaction in general is more disposable and less precious than it has been in the past. Then again, I'm sure when they invented the phone people were saying the same s—. So I don't know.

With technological advancements, I feel like there's always a point where you personally become old, a line you can't cross conceptually, and for me it was the cloud. Do you have one?
That's giving up total ownership, right? I'm leasing everything in my life. I feel similarly with the cloud thing. I'm not a big social media person, either. It's not that interesting to me. I mean, I get why it can be a tool for promotion and a tool for coming together in protest — I get those aspects of it. But for me, I'm just not very interested in it. In some ways, it underlies how I don't have a connection with some of these people. On one I have these random friends, and it's just another example of how no, they really aren't in my life.

Now playing

DRAMA/SCI-FI

The Age of Adaline

Director: Lee Toland Krieger
Starring: Blake Lively, Michiel Huisman

After miraculously remaining 29 years old for almost eight decades, Adaline Bowman (Blake Lively) has lived a solitary existence, never allowing herself to get close to anyone who might reveal her secret. But a chance encounter with charismatic philanthropist Ellis Jones (Michiel Huisman) re-ignites her passion for life and romance.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 72% Audience: +97%

DRAMA

The Water Diviner

Director: Russell Crowe
Starring: Russell Crowe, Isabel Lucas

An Australian man travels to Turkey after the Battle of Gallipoli to try to find his three missing sons.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 70% Audience: +90%

DRAMA

Ex Machina

Director: Alex Garland
Starring: Oscar Isaac, Alicia Vikander

A programmer at an Internet-search giant wins a competition to spend a week at the private mountain estate of the company's brilliant and reclusive CEO. Upon his arrival, Caleb learns that Nathan has chosen him to be the human component in a Turing Test — charging him with evaluating the capabilities, and ultimately the consciousness, of Nathan's latest experiment in artificial intelligence.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 88% Audience: 88%

DRAMA

The Forger

Director: Philip Martin
Starring: John Travolta, Abigail Spencer

A second-generation petty thief arranges to get out of prison to spend time with his ailing son. The catch: He has to take on a job with his father to pay back the syndicate that arranged his release.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 0% Audience: +75%

DRAMA/WESTERN

The Salvation

Director: Kristian Levring
Starring: Mads Mikkelsen, Eva Green

The mighty Mads Mikkelsen unleashes a maelstrom of bloodshed in the Wild West in this white-knuckle tale of revenge. When he lays waste to the scoundrels who killed his wife and son, a Danish ex-soldier (Mikkelsen) incurs the wrath of a sadistic gang leader hell-bent on hunting him down.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 68% Audience: +85%

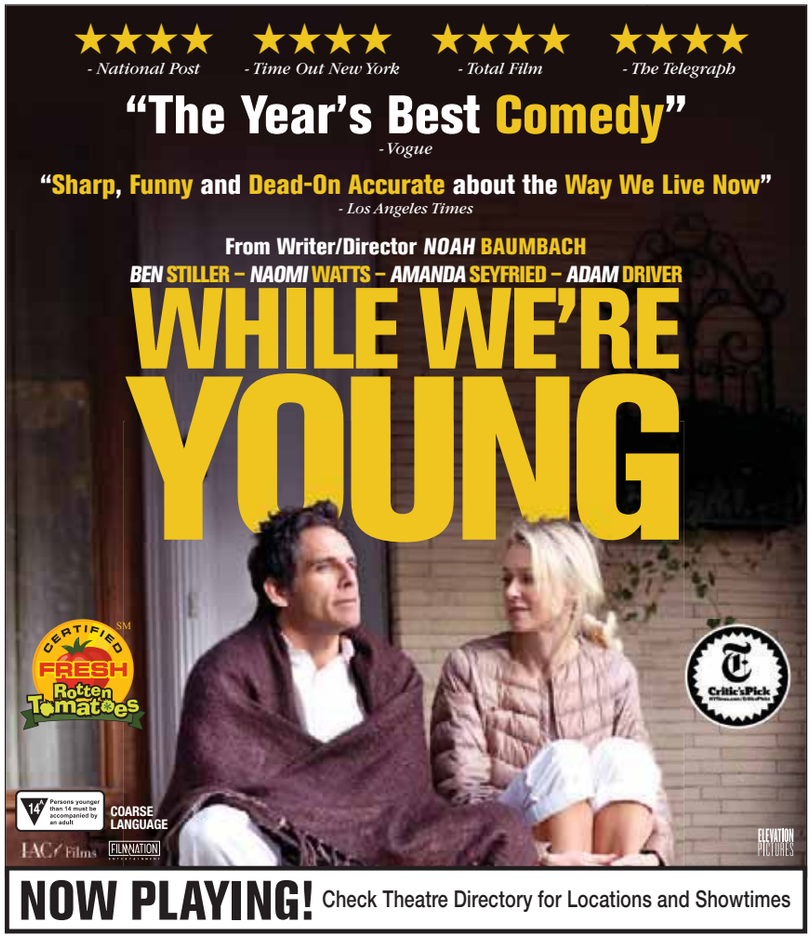
DOCUMENTARY

Pump

Director: Josh Tickell
Starring: Jason Bateman, Elon Musk

Pump is an inspiring, eye-opening documentary that tells the story of America's addiction to oil, from its corporate conspiracy beginnings to its current monopoly today, and explains clearly and simply how we can end it — and finally win choice at the pump.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 75% Audience: 85%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Not all poutine and maple syrup

DOCUMENTARY

Film offers no easy answers on Canadian identity

Steve Gow
Metro | Life

Calgary-raised TV writer Robert Cohen may have moved to Hollywood 27 years ago but he still gets asked about his homeland all the time. In fact, the insistent ignorance has inspired him to travel across the Great White North to define what makes a Canadian.

"People may agree or disagree with it," said Cohen of his new documentary, Being Canadian.

"But it was born out of my genuine frustrations with people outside of Canada not knowing or caring about us, so (my journey) was really the only logical way in and I would get other people's opinions."

Along the way, Cohen corners both celebrities and average Canucks to classify the Canadiana that sets us apart.

> **I don't think there's any Americans feeling there's a lack of national identity around the world as to what America is.**
> Director and TV writer Robert Cohen

Director Rob Cohen, left, and Will Arnett in Being Canadian. CONTRIBUTED

What he finds is that even as drunk tourists in Vegas are unable to name our nation's capital, it's our own inability to define ourselves that makes us unique.

"I don't think there's any Americans feeling there's a lack of national identity around the world as to what America is," notes Cohen.

Available on-demand April 26, Being Canadian divides the film into sub-categories light on history but heavy on idiosyncrasy and perhaps most notably, our unique cuisine — or lack thereof.

"Most people think poutine and maple syrup (and) I grew up thinking it was Alberta beef," explained Cohen of Canada's recognized dishes — adding an assembly of noted chefs recently "all agreed there was no Canadian food — which is so perfect because it's the answer that's a non-answer but it's the perfect answer."

Indeed, what makes Canucks distinctly Canadian is our ambiguity about our identity. However Cohen remained pretty decisive about at least filling the film with Canada's most famous folks — William Shatner, Rush, Dan Aykroyd and one funnyman in particular — Mike Myers.

"We've been friends for a long time," said Cohen.

"He's so hyper-Canadian and so well-spoken in great bits that he was very important."

Being Canadian also plays this weekend at Hot Docs in Toronto.

DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

On sneaking Canadian iconography into sitcoms
"I sneak it in as much as I can," said Cohen, who's written for shows like The Simpsons and Big Bang Theory. "It's just that a lot of the times people go 'nobody will believe that' so you end up having to cut it out."

On the consensus on Canada around the globe
"Everybody loves Canada. Nobody had anything negative to say about Canada," said Cohen. "It is not a perfect place by any means but (with people's) limited knowledge, they are delighted and charmed by it."

On having an epiphany at a parade
"The outward enthusiasm was so great that that was the part that blew my mind the most," said Cohen of attending a Canada Day parade. "I realized I didn't need to be out there as sort of Canada's schoolyard bully and that, like I say in the movie, we're so cool, we don't need to worry about it."

CABLE

Mad Men's French-Canadian connection

Mad Men is famously fastidious in its attention to detail, but for some Canadians there's been one glaring misstep over the years — the way it portrays Quebec character Megan Calvet Draper.

As the series comes to a close, Montreal actress Jessica Paré says she's been vaguely aware of complaints that the Calvets don't seem typically Québécois.

Jessica Paré as Megan Draper in Mad Men. CONTRIBUTED

Online nitpickers have suggested Megan's first and last name aren't very French-Canadian, and took issue with the French spoken by Brit actress Julia Ormond, who plays Megan's mother Marie, and Belgian-born actor Ronald Guttman, as Megan's father Emile.

"(Creator) Matt (Weiner) is making an American TV show and it goes really fast and we all do the best we can," Paré says in a recent phone interview from Palm Springs, Calif.

"I mean, as for my accent, I grew up there and I spoke both French and English."

Paré says she enjoyed getting to flip between English and French for the show, noting "it's not something that you get to do very often" on a U.S. series.

Paré was coy in addressing whether we've seen the last of her big-haired bilingual character, but says she's immensely proud of the work she's been able to do on the AMC period drama.

Last we saw, Megan finalized a bitter divorce with Don and was about to begin a new chapter with a million-dollar settlement.

"Her time with Don has really taken a lot out of her, taken a lot of her joy, and a lot of her optimism," Paré says of Megan, who looked the other way as Don wandered.

"But I believe in Megan. She's an optimist, so she'll be fine. Especially with a million dollars." THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAMES ESCAPE ROOMS

Going out to get locked in
For Errol Elumir and Matt Silver, time spent locked indoors is their idea of a great night out.

The Toronto residents are big fans of room escape games, which have sprung up by the dozens in the city and in communities across Canada.

The concept involves individuals partnering with friends or teaming up with strangers to solve a series of puzzles to facilitate their "escape" from a confined space — and under a tight deadline.

Elumir and Silver are such fans of the games that they've partnered with Manda Whitney to write reviews of spaces they've visited for their Escape Room Addict blog.

Vancouver-based Smarty-Pantz operates escape rooms with such varied themes as postwar spy caper and paranormal probe. Chris Ricard said they also use actors who are in character and costumes to provide clues and direction — but not the answers.

Scott McInnes, manager of Escape From the Time Travel Lab in Toronto, said the key skills for participants to have are thoroughness, communication and time management. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chris Ricard in a Smarty-Pantz escape room. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pop goes the presidency

PRAS MICHEL

Fugees rapper is filmmaker and kingmaker in Haitian doc

Steve Gow
Metro | Life

Michel Martelly, a.k.a. pop star Sweet Micky, has been president of Haiti since his election in 2011. He is featured in a new documentary by ex-Fugees member Pras Michel, left. CONTRIBUTED

In the wake of Haiti's devastating earthquake, former Fugees rapper Pras Michel witnessed his homeland embroiled in unrest from lack of leadership. With a looming election, the hip-hop star virtually decided who would rescue the country from chaos — an outrageous pop star named Sweet Micky.

"Literally, it just came to me," said Michel of his epiphany to turn a shocking singer (better known for such burlesque antics as dropping his pants on stage) into Haiti's next president.

"What the country needed at that particular point was something that was unorthodox to get the mood (and) energy back and distract from the pain and he just happened to be thrown to me in my universe."

Chronicled in the spirited documentary Sweet Micky for President, Michel became Micky's (his real name is Michel Martelly) right-hand man during an incredible political campaign challenged by corruption, inexperience and even Michel's own Fugees collaborator Wyclef Jean — who also briefly ran for the commander-in-chief position — essentially making a simple story stranger than fiction.

"That's how things were happening to us — to the point where if you really look at the movie, it feels like a narrative," admitted Michel, who never expected the experience to become a film. "How it was going down was how it was captured and then we went back and went, 'Wow, this really feels like a movie.'"

Since his days as one-third of Grammy-winning group The Fugees, Michel has been "loving the film aspect" of his career as much as making music. Having produced documentaries like 2007's Skid Row (where he masqueraded as a homeless person) and a long-awaited project about Somali pirates, these days he's certainly more filmmaker than Fugee.

"I'm catching the buzz and I've got a couple more narrative projects that I'm developing," said Michel. "We want to make things that are avant garde (and) interesting but, at the same time, get to the core of the issue."

Sweet Micky for President will have its Canadian debut next Wednesday at the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival in Toronto.

SUMMER SEQUELS

Nostalgia meets new faces in upcoming blockbusters

"I'll be back," the line Arnold Schwarzenegger first uttered more than 30 years ago in that indelible manly monotone, belongs to the Terminator, of course. But it also might as well be the official slogan of the summer movie season.

It's the time of year when Hollywood's older, reliable brands, with the tenacity of Schwarzenegger's lethal cyborg, claw their way back onto the big screen in a popcorn parade of big-budget sequels, reboots and re-dos. That's nothing new, but the extent of the sequel spinning is.

The sequel expansion — as headlong as Tom Cruise in the Mission: Impossible movies — runs in all directions. It stretches into prequels, second-try reboots, spinoffs and franchises that are less linear, Roman-numeral progressions than — as in the brimming Marvel world — whole universes of overlapping characters, with fantasy realms to visit, and not just stories to follow.

To fuel the proliferation, Hollywood is dipping ever deeper into its vaults: 10 of this summer's most anticipated blockbusters have origins dating back more than three decades, including Fantastic Four, The Man From U.N.C.L.E., Mad Max: Fury Road and Terminator: Genisys, the fifth film in the series created by James Cameron in 1984. Nostalgia and familiarity mingle with updated special effects and new cast members in these films to render something that hopefully feels fresh to moviegoers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nicholas Hoult as Nux in Mad Max: Fury Road, out May 15. COURTESY WARNER BROS.

FORMER GOSSIP GIRL

What brought Blake Lively back to acting

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Age of Adaline director Lee Toland Krieger claims that Blake Lively came in insisting she was the best person for the title role, but Lively herself begs to differ.

"I didn't say I'm the best person for it, I just said that I really wanted it," she explains. "I could give you a whole list of people that would've been better for it. But I was the most aggressive, I'll tell you that much."

It makes sense that Lively would approach the role with such vigour, considering she had to be passionate enough about it to cancel her self-imposed hiatus from acting following the end of Gossip Girl in 2012.

"I was on a TV show for six years. We shot 10 months a year," Lively explains. "I was just exhausted, and I didn't feel good at it anymore. When you have to do something so much, it's just muscle memory, and I wanted to take a break. I started my company, Preserve, because I thought, what else do I love? What else do I feel good at? What else can I be creative at while taking a break from acting?"

But she didn't block out Hollywood completely, with scripts still coming in.

"I read Adaline and thought, I can't not do this movie. I still wanted to be on a break, but I just thought I have to, have to be in this film," Lively remembers.

"And then because it was such a special movie and such a special experience, I was reading other scripts and thought, how do I live up to that? And then I got pregnant, so I didn't have to."

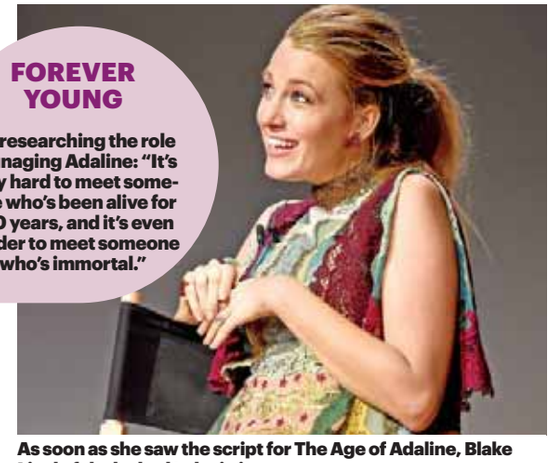
It's good she got over those feelings of inadequacy, too, because the role of Adaline — a woman born in 1906 who stops aging at age 29 due to a freak accident and tries to go unnoticed for the next 80 years — proved to be full of very unique challenges for Lively as an actress.

"I always look for the closest thing to a character that I'm playing, and I try to meet that person and talk to that person. It's very hard to meet someone who's been alive for 100 years, and it's even harder to meet someone who's immortal," Lively admits.

"So I thought, OK, (at what age) is a woman most defined? When does she really blossom into who she is? And it's when they come of age. So if she came of age in the 1920s, I need to capture a woman from the 1920s who has that formality and who is stoic and very proper and very reserved and conservative, and then try to weave in some influence from the '60s. That's very, very different from where women came in the Edwardian era. She can't be alien, so she has to have this timelessness to her and she has to look like a mixture of all these decades, because she wouldn't just go shopping at Zara and speak like I speak."

FOREVER YOUNG

On researching the role of unaging Adaline: "It's very hard to meet someone who's been alive for 100 years, and it's even harder to meet someone who's immortal."



As soon as she saw the script for The Age of Adaline, Blake Lively felt she had to be in it. JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY IMAGES

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World Trade Center elevators will show a historical time-lapse video of the N.Y.C. skyline.

From Dildo to Blow Me Down

Newfoundland draws tourists from all over, not just for spectacular seaside vistas and colourful outports, but with place names that jump off the map.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 Dildo

The name may originate with the earliest European explorers and mappers who used it for nearby Dildo Island at least as early as 1711. Perhaps they thought it resembled the shape of a less X-rated dildo, the name used for round pegs that lock oars in place on a dory. Other theories include the name comes from the Italian word "diletto," meaning delight, or from the name of a Spanish sailor who travelled the area.

FLICKR: ADAM

2 Heart's Content

Heart's Content on the east coast of Trinity Bay is famous as the landing site in 1866 of the first telegraph cable linking North America and Europe. Its name can be traced to the writings of the earliest settlers, including English merchant John Guy, who led efforts to colonize Newfoundland and sailed into Trinity Bay in 1612. Guy had in 1610 helped found the first English community in present-day Canada at Cuper's Cove, now affectionately known as Cupids.

FLICKR: DOUGLAS SPROTT

3 Happy Adventure

Founded in 1710, it bills itself as "Newfoundland's most peaceful community." Local folklore, however, suggests its pleasing name may have come from the vessel, The Happy Adventure, of pirate Peter Easton who plied the waters off Newfoundland in the 1600s. Another theory, according to the Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage website, is it derives from George Holbrook, a British surveyor and mapper who sought shelter from a storm in a nearby cove in 1817. Various sources say he called it a "Happy Adventure."

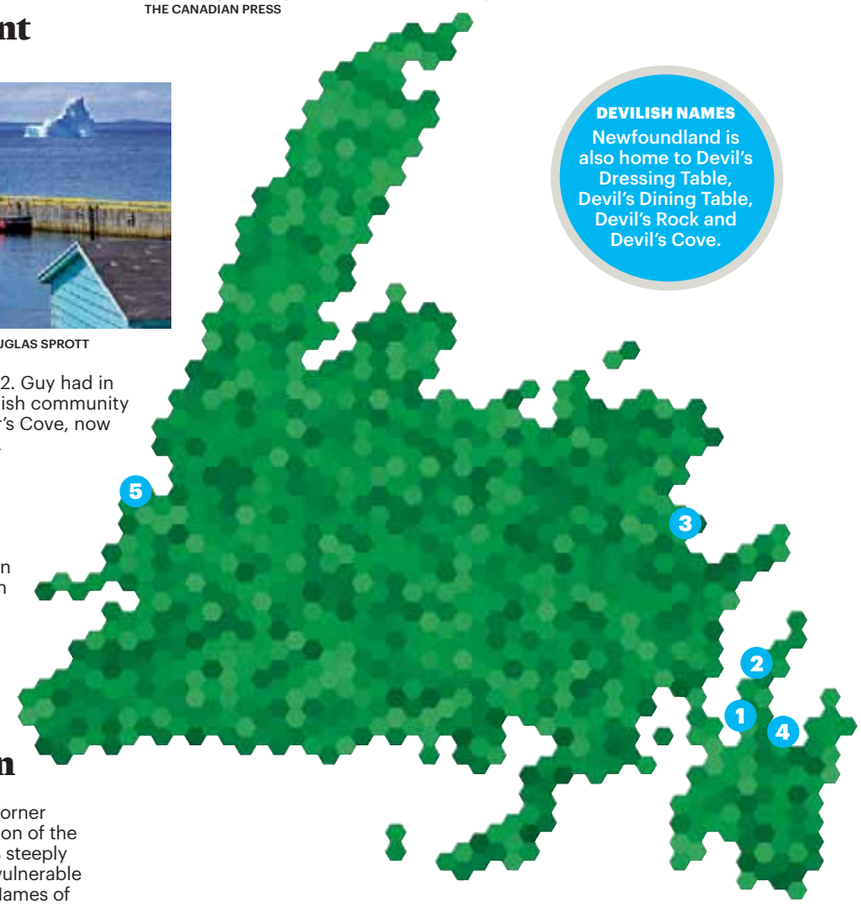
FLICKR: CLIFFY03

4 Cupids

Cupids is located on Conception Bay, itself recorded by European explorers as early as 1527. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia online, its name honours the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

5 Blow Me Down

A provincial park northwest of Corner Brook, Blow Me Down is a variation of the term Blomidon, where land rises steeply from the water, leaving vessels vulnerable to squalls, says the book Place Names of Atlantic Canada.



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Green tourism initiatives thrive at organisations

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

In honour of the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, celebrated around the planet this past Wednesday, I salute some standouts in Canada's tourism and hospitality industry that are doing their best to keep our planet green.

As one of Parks Canada's national historic sites, it may seem obvious the Forks in Winnipeg should be dedicated to preserving the planet. However, this collection of interpretive exhibits, walking trails and attractions at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers has taken its commitment to zero emissions, zero garbage and zero waste to a new level. Efforts include a geothermal heat pump system, composting, recycling and a target zero eco-kids tour.

Cooking oil as fuel

Wasted vegetable oil is collected from deep fryers in the local restaurants and used to power the site truck, three Gator utility vehicles, a refrigerated container and a Zamboni used to create the world's longest naturally frozen skating trail on the Red River.

In Montreal, as part of Cirque du Soleil's world headquarters complex, La TOHU hosts cirque shows throughout the year, including the annual National Circus School show and the Montreal Cirque Fest in July. The complex was built on the site of North America's second largest waste dump and the venue is a stunning example of how to revitalize an area with eco-friendly architecture, activities and initiatives.

Bravo B.C.

British Columbia is well known for its standout collection of eco-friendly lodges. The Purcell Mountain Lodge has led the way in a number of back-country innovations, generating electricity from a nearby mountain stream, custom designing a waste-water treatment plant, which produces water as its end product, and being fully committed to recycling and composting.

Other standouts in the province include the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, the Nipika Mountain Resort and the Siwash Lake Ranch.

If you are looking to travel outside of Canada, book a trip through Gadventures, a homegrown company that takes maintenance of our planet seriously. For example, on its Peruvian excursions, it uses biodegradable soap on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, supports an eco-friendly campsite on the Lares Trek, and houses its guests at the G Lodge in the Peruvian Amazon, which features solar heat, including hot water and rechargeable flashlights.

The Ms. Cheezious Food truck is well known in Wynwood, Miami, for its cheese sandwich. ISTOCK

Selfie sticks welcome

FLORIDA

Wynwood in Miami buzzes with street art, local shopping

There are two must-have selfies for any visitor to show off from Miami: one on the sands of South Beach, and one against the bold murals of Wynwood.

The riot of colour sprayed across several blocks of warehouses and art galleries has become as synonymous with Miami as humidity and sunshine.

Walking through the neighbourhood is like walking through an open-air contemporary art museum, only one where artists are routinely found painting something fresh.

Here graffiti has evolved from unwelcome scribbles to large-scale murals that reference both classical art themes and pop culture.

Many of the artists are commissioned to produce the abstract patterns and whimsical figures that cover the concrete walls of bars, galleries, boutiques and even a neighbourhood school.

A good place to start exploring is Wynwood Walls, where two restaurants anchor a cluster of buildings that feature a rotating roster of prominent street artists.

Wynwood Mural Tours has produced a curated guide to the neighbourhood's art, a project produced with the local street artist Atomik, known for his ubiquitous large, grinning oranges.

The painting isn't limited to the walls. Some crosswalks have been painted with bright designs, and sidewalks frequently are sprayed with the stencilled poetry of Instagram star R. M. Drake (also known as Miami-based writer Robert Macias).

As Wynwood has grown into a premier arts district, it's also developed as a local hub where residents stop for artisanal breads and coffee, and host pop-up shops during the city's many arts and literary festivals.

The new Wynwood Block collection of cafés and boutiques highlight work by some of Miami's independent artisans, including letterpress stationery and fashion accessories.

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A journey with reindeer riders

Camping in the marshy valleys of northern Mongolia — and riding a reindeer. COURTESY RYAN PASCHKE

Having a pair of antlers inches from your face is exhilarating — especially when they're attached to the reindeer you're riding.

The Tsaatan tribe lives in Khuvsgul, Mongolia's northernmost province. Reindeer, aside from being transportation for the nomadic Tsaatan people, are also their livelihood — a source of food and clothing.

Tucked away in the mountain valleys about 1,000 kilometres from Mongolia's capital Ulan Bator, to reach the tribe you must travel by propeller plane to the village of Murun, then by vintage Russian Jeep, semi-wild horseback, and eventually on foot. It takes three days of traversing dusty flatlands, rolling grassy hills, pine forests and mountains.

On previous trips to Mongolia, my adventure mates and I heard about this tribe and decided to return and meet them. After arriving at the Tsaatan's camp, we spent the next windy autumn afternoon with our new friends climbing the nearby mountains and collecting tart berries while the Tsaatan children raced atop their reindeer through the marshy valleys below. Due to the boggy terrain of the West Taiga, reindeer are better suited for riding than horses. With their cloven hooves, they retain better balance to glide across the bogs.

In the evenings as temperatures dropped below freezing, we huddled around the wood stove inside a teepee and shared freshly made reindeer dumplings that tasted like steak. We all listened, through a translator, to stories of shamans, bears and the spirits of the mountains while sipping on steaming cups of traditional chai tea-reindeer milk boiled with local herbs.

A few days after our arrival it was time to leave. As we packed our saddlebags in the early morning frost, the Tsaatan moms presented us gifts: blocks of reindeer cheese. The Tsaatan and their secret West Taiga home were difficult to get to, but worth every effort. Probably the closest thing you can get to riding a unicorn — riding a reindeer.

ST. HELENA

Airport to change island's fate forever

The tiny South Atlantic island of St. Helena — where Napoleon died in exile — dreams of becoming a tourist draw when its first airport opens next year despite fears it cannot accommodate an influx of visitors.

For years only accessible by boat, St. Helena has just one bank, no cash machine and no mobile telephone reception.

Sailing out to St. Helena from Cape Town, South Africa, every three weeks, the boat journey takes five long days. Because the island is so remote, only 1,500 tourists visit each year.

But the tourism office hopes the weekly 4.5-hour passenger flights scheduled to start from Johannesburg, South Africa, in February 2016 will change that — and the island's economy — forever.

Its director Cathy Alberts says she expects 30,000 tourists a year, and voices hope the change will help St. Helena become self-sufficient.

Perched in the Atlantic halfway between Africa and South America, the island relies on Britain for most of its income — £60 million ($89 million) a year — but has its sights set on financial independence.

A street in the centre of Jamestown, the capital of the South Atlantic island of St. Helena. JEAN LIOU/AFP

When visitors arrive in St. Helena, they will have several days to amble about, ample time to see the local sights, including the house where Napoleon, France's greatest military hero, died on May 5, 1821.

But not everyone is happy with the change.

The idea of crowds of camera-wielding tourists worries many of the island's 4,200 residents, concerned the island cannot meet such a demand.

"You can imagine the chaos on the roads," said Niall O'Keefe, who heads local development company Enterprise St. Helena.

Local officials say change would not come instantaneously.

"In 10 years, I see St. Helena livelier, with more people, more restaurants, more shops," the island's governor Mark Capes said. "But it will not be a big bang, it will not happen overnight."

Hoteliers are lobbying for a second flight to Britain, home to most of the island's tourists.

"To have two flights a week, we will need to double our hotel capacity," finance official Dax Richards said, adding that a surge in demand would swamp St. Helena's meagre facilities.

Currently, the island offers just 85 beds for tourists and a few self-catering units.

Beds are just part of the problem. Because of its remoteness and dependence on funding, the island's infrastructure is lacking.

Some in the tourism industry worry that well-heeled visitors will be disappointed by unprofessional service — or problems such as garbage in the Jamestown moat — and vent their disappointment on influential travel websites.

Others fear something worse: that the island could lose its soul.

"I hope we don't lose our cohesion, our sense of solidarity," tour guide Basil George said. "That's my fear with the airport, not the airport itself." AFP

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Wizards guard Bradley Beal has not been shy in attacking Kyle Lowry through two games of their best-of-seven series.
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'If anyone can do it ... Kyle can'

NBA PLAYOFFS

Lowry looks to avoid foul, get Raptors back in series vs. Wiz

It's been a long two days for Kyle Lowry.

The Toronto Raptors departed for Washington on Thursday afternoon, looking to turn around their playoff series against the Wizards that has gone horribly awry. And Lowry was looking for a little redemption.

"I relish just being able to play another game because my first two haven't been well," Lowry said. "That's what I'm looking forward to."

The all-star point guard, who was averaging 20 points a night through the early part of the regular season, has just 13 points through two games, and with 10 fouls, has been forced to sit for large chunks of both games.

"Literally I played 12 minutes in a half. I've got to find a way to stay on the floor," Lowry said. "That's all that really matters to me. Staying on the floor."

There's also questions about his health. A back injury sidelined him for nine games down the stretch, then a shin contusion forced him out of Game 2 with six minutes to play.

Lowry insisted he feels "fine." A couple of minutes later Patrick Patterson told reporters "we would love Kyle to be Kyle, but we all know that Kyle is battling some injuries right now."

While coach Dwane Casey said "no one is 100 per cent who is still playing right now" on any team, he does believe Lowry's struggles have a lot to do with his health.

"You don't miss as much time as he missed toward the end (of the season ... there's always that big debate, rust versus rest going into the playoffs," Casey said. "For me, we've got to get Kyle back to the level he was. We have a short time, two games, to get it down. But if anyone can do it, I believe Kyle can do it."

The Raptors are gunning for just their second appearance in the second round of the playoffs in their 20-year franchise history. And Casey had a strong message for them before they walked out of practice Thursday.

"If you're not going to Washington to compete, don't come out to the airport," he said. "We'll get you a nice meal somewhere in Toronto at a nice restaurant and you can watch it on television."

"No one stepped forward so that meant that everyone who gets on the plane is ready to compete," he added.

Washington embarrassed the Raptors in Game 2. Wizards point guard John Wall virtually roamed free, lighting it up for 26 points and 17 assists, to become just the fourth player in the last 25 years to hit those marks in a playoff game.

The Wizards had all the swagger as well. Numerous clips on social media show Bradley Beal trash-talking Toronto players.

"That's all competition," Patterson said. "That's all the game of basketball, whether it's playoffs, whether it's preseason, whether it's a regular season game, whether it's going up against your rival opponent. There's always trash talking, there's always explicit language, there's always pushing and shoving, there's always a physical nature of the game. And we embrace it, they embrace it, if you're an athlete you embrace it."

The Raptors said they have to rediscover their own swagger for Game 3.

"It starts when you walk into the building, with your demeanour and your attitude," Patterson said. "Then as the game progresses forward, if you're making shots, if you're playing defence, if you're getting stops then your confidence is going to go through the roof." THE CANADIAN PRESS

DRIZZY TIZZY

Shake me later?
Drake's handshake with the Toronto Raptors' arch-rival has one city councillor angry.

Norm Kelly called out the rapper and Raptors' global ambassador for a photo of Drake shaking hands with a gleeful-looking Paul Pierce after the Washington Wizards' 117-106 victory in Game 2 of the playoffs.

"Yo, Drake, What the hell is this?" Kelly tweeted.

GOING TO D.C.

Wiz look to learn from last year's Game 3 slip-up
The Wizards will be trying to avoid repeating history when they face the Raptors at the Verizon Center.

A year ago, the Wizards won two games on the road against the Chicago Bulls before stumbling at home and dropping Game 3 before finishing the series off in five games.

"We haven't accomplished anything," said coach Randy Wittman.

One thing the Wizards have accomplished, though, is getting solid production out of backup wing Otto Porter. He was a kid who never played a year ago, now he's an integral part of the rotation.

Porter's 15 points and nine rebounds were instrumental in Washington's Game 2 win in Toronto.

"I love Otto, man, because he does all the little things," Bradley Beal said after Game 2. "He's everywhere. Every time you look up he's either taken the ball, getting the offensive rebounds, getting defensive rebound, hitting threes.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Kuznetsov scores twice as Washington leads series 3-2

GAME 5 In Washington

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CAPITALS	ISLANDERS

The Capitals celebrate a goal scored by Karl Alzner against the Islanders in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Thursday in Washington. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

With the crowd's raucous chants of "We are louder!" ringing throughout a lopsided third period, a group of unheralded scorers put the Washington Capitals on the verge of a playoff series victory.

Dominating despite zero points from Alex Ovechkin or Nicklas Backstrom, the Capitals beat the New York Islanders 5-1 Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the first round, with rookie Evgeny Kuznetsov scoring twice and defenceman Karl Alzner adding a goal and an assist.

The Capitals can end the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series by winning Game 6 at New York on Saturday, in what could be the Islanders' final game at Nassau Coliseum before they move to Brooklyn next season.

Thursday's third period began with Washington ahead only 2-1. But Kuznetsov, Brooks Laich and Jason Chimera found the net in quick succession, and Islanders goalie Jaroslav Halak was yanked with 11 minutes left in the game after allowing five goals on 35 shots.

And to think: The Islanders took a 1-0 lead in the first period.

Washington goalie Braden Holtby finished with 22 saves.

The cries of "Louder!" and "Can you hear us?!" from spectators were a reference to some back-and-forth among players from both teams over whose arena makes more noise.

There also was much chatter leading up to Game 5 about whether a big check by Washington's Tom Wilson on Lubomir Visnovsky in the second period of Game 4 was clean. Not surprisingly, the Capitals said it was; the Islanders did not. Visnovsky, who has a history of concussions, did not travel to Washington for Thursday's game.

It took less than 5-1/2 minutes for Wilson to find himself in a full-on fist fight with New York's Anders Lee. The punches put both in the penalty box, left Wilson with a bloody mouth — and appeared to stir the Islanders. All of 26 seconds later, the visitors led 1-0 on Josh Bailey's shot into the upper corner of Holtby's net from the edge of the left circle off an assist from captain John Tavares.

At about the nine-minute mark, though, Washington tied it on Kuznetsov's first career playoff point.

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The Celtics' Brandon Bass drives to the basket against Cavaliers guard J.R. Smith in Boston on Thursday night. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs in full control of series vs. Celtics

LeBron James scored 31 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers moved one win away from a sweep in their first playoff series in five years with a 103-95 victory over the Boston Celtics on Thursday night.

The scrappy Celtics kept it close, just as they did in the previous two games, and trailed 95-92 after Evan Turner hit a three-pointer with 2:45 left. But Kevin Love hit two three-pointers for a 101-93 lead with 26 seconds to go.

Cleveland can complete the sweep of the best-of-seven, first-round series Sunday in Boston. No NBA team has won a series after trailing 3-0.

Turner had 19 points and Avery Bradley added 18 while Isaiah Thomas managed just five points after scoring 22 in the first two games.

Love had 23 points and J.R. Smith added 15 for the Cavaliers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Convicted killer Hernandez moved to max security

Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez has been moved to a new prison a week after he was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life behind bars. A state prisons official says Hernandez was moved Wednesday to the maximum-security Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley, Mass.

Aaron Hernandez THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hernandez had been at Cedar Junction prison in Walpole since he was convicted April 15 of killing 27-year-old Odin Lloyd in 2013. Lloyd was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. Souza-Baranowski is the state Department of Correction's newest prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Late NFLer's family to appeal concussion award

The family of the late NFL safety Dave Duerson plans to appeal terms of this week's class-action concussion settlement.

Family lawyer Thomas Demetrio objects to the exclusion of future awards for CTE, the brain trauma that some call "the signature disease of football."

Lawyers involved in the settlement say an appeal could hold up payments to thousands of players. Some are suffering from Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease and stand to get $1 million or more. The average award would be about $190,000 for late-in-life dementia. A Philadelphia judge approved the settlement Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA opts against re-run of vote for World Cup host

FIFA has rejected a call by European lawmakers to re-run the vote which chose Qatar as 2022 World Cup host. Responding to a Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe debate on Thursday, FIFA says it has "no legal obligation for FIFA's executive committee to revoke" the decision.

Lawmakers relied on British newspaper The Sunday Times reporting last June that FIFA power broker Mohamed bin Hammam paid $5 million to football officials worldwide to build support for Qatar's bid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays squeak past Orioles

MLB

Toronto nearly falls apart after Hutchison's 8-inning gem

Drew Hutchison struck out seven and did not allow a single baserunner in the first five innings of play as the Toronto Blue Jays routed the Baltimore Orioles 7-6 on Thursday to complete a three-game series sweep.

Hutchison (2-0) finished with two earned runs on four hits and one hit batter over eight innings of work. It's the longest outing of any Blue Jays pitcher this season.

Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer and a double to lead Toronto's (9-7) offence. Kevin Pillar, starting in right field for the injured Jose Bautista, had two hits and two runs batted in.

Manny Machado crushed a 2-2 pitch from Jays reliever Miguel Castro to the second deck in left for his second homer of the night, driving in Delmon Young and Travis Snider to make it 7-6, but Miguel Castro struck out Ryan Lavarnway for the final out of the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays right-hander Drew Hutchison. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RECIPE Scallops with Edamame and Soba Noodles

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Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
- 4 oz soba noodles
- 1 cup shelled edamame
- 1 Tbsp sesame seeds
- 8 large scallops
- 2 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp sweet chili sauce
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- Sliced green onions for garnish

Directions
1. Cook noodles in boiling water, just until tender, about 3 minutes. Add edamame during the last minute of cooking. Drain and place on serving plate.
2. Meanwhile, sprinkle scallops with sesame seeds. In a hot grill pan sear on both sides, until just cooked about 2 minutes per side.
3. Add soy sauce, lemon juice, sweet chili sauce, sesame oil and cilantro to noodles and mix well. Garnish with scallops and green onions.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 368
- Protein 36.7 g
- Carbohydrates 30.1 g
- Fibre 0.9 g
- Total fat 11.1 g
- Saturated fat 2.0 g
- Cholesterol 41.7 mg
- Sodium 468 mg

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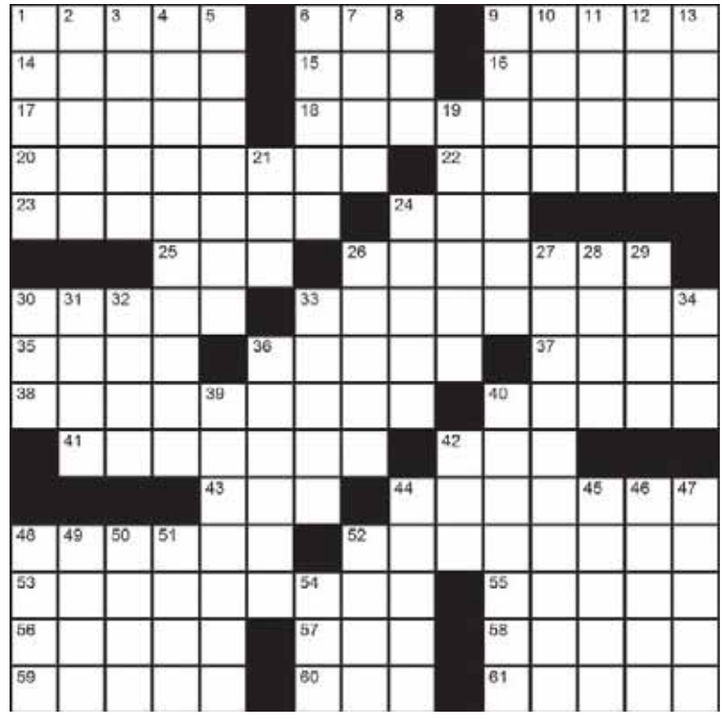
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Corey Hart's singer wife Julie
6. Skull part
9. Wall's time-teller, Kardashians spelling-style
14. Port city of Japan
15. Past
16. "Raining Gold" singer Ms. Osbourne (Daughter of Sharon and Ozzy)
17. '__ __ Disturb' sign
18. Magazines carrier
20. Laid to rest
22. Beatles' "__ a Place"
23. Search: 2 wds.
24. Vigour
25. Casket alternative
26. Jude __, Canadian yogurt pioneer
30. Cartoon style
33. Montreal's huge cross sits atop it: 2 mots
35. Actor, __ _. Cobb
36. Defrosts
37. Nullify
38. Medea is a tragedy by which ancient Greek playwright?
40. __ __ forth
41. Archenemy
42. Include
43. Grassland
44. "And through a __ on a breaking wall..." - Seal, "Crazy"
48. Cream-filled pastry
52. Sword fight participant
53. Load of washing stage: 2 wds.
55. Ancient column style
56. Coffee brand
57. Fix
58. New: Spanish
59. "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
60. Soup cube brand
61. Old Ford car

DOWN
1. Styles
2. How two hearts beat in the U2 song: 2 wds.
3. Health: French
4. Tagish man credited with discovering gold resulting in the Klondike Gold Rush of the Yukon: 2 wds.
5. Hershey Canada's hyphenated-name treat
6. Ms. Jackson
7. Ripened
8. "Spectacular!"
9. Led Zeppelin song sharing the name of a disputed region of Asia
10. Low-cal
11. Mr. Sharif
12. Geological epoch suffix
13. Shoes brand
19. Drywall __ (Aids for ceiling painters)
21. Roll
24. Air ducts
26. Some bananas
27. Online music/audio sharing platform
28. 007 character Vesper
29. George of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"
30. Ginger drink
31. Nine: German
32. 'Prem' suffix (Film's big debut)
33. Howard Stern, 'King of All __'
34. Brit's bathroom
36. Kevin Pollak's new documentary, "__ Loves Comedy" (2015)
39. Saskatchewan village, __ Narrows
40. "The Age of __" (2015) starring Blake Lively
42. "__ you sure?"
44. Fire: Spanish
45. Fork's 'fingers'
46. "__ __ always said..."
47. Mil. rank: 2 wds.
48. Gas station
49. Canadian politics channel
50. Wrinkle
51. Singer/songwriter Paul
52. Nero's 559
54. Zagreb's land to the IOC

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
No, you are not the most subtle member of the zodiac, but why should you be? Your in-your-face attitude will work in your favor today, especially in your career where you need to be more assertive – yes, even more so than usual!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you are happy with your life as it is then don't change a thing, no matter how hard others try to persuade you to set new goals. You are at your best when you know where you stand.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It might be a smart idea to adopt a low profile today. The planets warn there are some angry people out there in the big, bad world, so keep your head down.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will find yourself up against a stubborn opponent today. Fortunately, the world is a big enough place for both of you — so long as you are on different continents!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Something will happen today that catches you off guard and you will wonder how you could have missed signs that, with hindsight, were so glaringly obvious.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It may be easy to change things but before you start moving this here and that there, ask yourself if it is necessary. Chances are you will be changing not because you want to but because you think it is expected of you. It isn't, so don't.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There are ways to get what you want without turning people against you, so watch what you say and do and, especially, try to avoid treading on the toes of those who can tread back just as hard.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may have failed at something but it's no big deal — at least you made an effort and had a go, which is more than a lot of people manage to do.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever barrier may be in front of you it won't be long before you find a way to break through. Strive to be strong, mentally and emotionally, and before you know it what you thought was an immovable obstacle will begin to shift.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Have confidence in yourself by all means but don't think that merely by turning up everyone else will back down and make it easy for you to win. They won't.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't be content to sit back and watch the world go by today — you will be out there doing things that get you noticed. However, make sure you get noticed for the right reasons.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have been far too nice of late, so now you need to even things up and make sure you get what you desire, regardless of whether others think you should have it.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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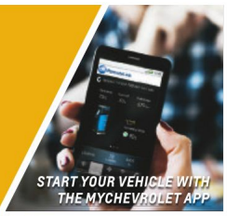

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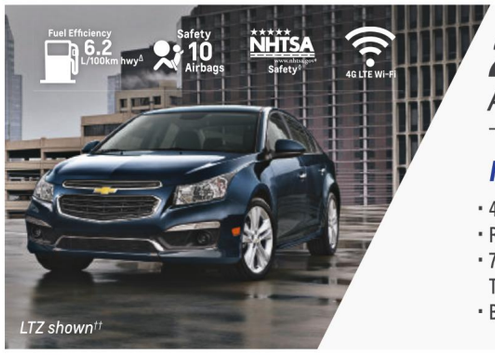

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